December 3, 1956

Rev. E. Hampton Barnette
First Methodist Church
505 S. E. Sixth Street
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Dear Mr. Barnette:

The film "Desegregation in Baltimore" will be sent to you prior to January 27, 1957 for your use.

We are enclosing several forms in the film case which we wish you would fill out after the film has been shown.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Information Service

JC:mbo

December 3, 1956

Mr. Harold J. Bennett
3939 Gentily Boulevard
Box 180
New Orleans 22, La.

Dear Mr. Bennett:

Announcements of our publications are enclosed. We will be glad to fill an order for you. Some free materials are being sent under separate cover.

Sincerely,

Florance B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI:mbo
Encs.

December 3, 1956

Mr. Theodore B. Cooper, Head
Department of Secondary Education
Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Mr. Cooper:

The film "Desegregation in Baltimore" has been mailed to you today. Forms are enclosed and we would appreciate your filling them out after the film has been shown.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Information Service

JC:mbo
Enc.

December 3, 1956

Mr. John C. Goodbody
Director of Project Planning
Colonial Williamsburg
Williamsburg, Virginia

Dear Mr. Goodbody:

On a couple of days in mid-November the Lodge was host to a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council. This is a somewhat different group from the planning meeting which took place a year or two ago at Williamsburg; but similarly composed.

Williamsburg and the Restoration Agencies were courtesy itself to us and we are extremely grateful for the hospitality extended to us.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: Mr. William P. Batchelder
Manager
Williamsburg Lodge
Williamsburg, Virginia

December 3, 1956

Mrs. Jessie P. Guzman, Director
Records and Research
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Ala.

Dear Mrs. Guzman:

I regret that a final report on our voting survey has not been completed. It will probably be early January before it is issued.

We are sending you a copy of Integration North and South which points to some progress in each of the fields you are interested in. The mimeographed summary of state legislative action lists anti-integration laws which the states have enacted. We have not summarized court action or administrative measures. However, I am certain that you have access to Southern School News and Race Relations Law Reporter. Both of these, and particularly the latter, will enable you to summarize legal action in race relations.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI:mbo

December 3, 1956

Mr. George J. Hecht
Chairman
The American Parents Committee, Inc.
52 Vanderbilt Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Hecht:

I talked with Harold Fleming about keeping up a link between SRC and the American Parents Committee. He thinks that for a while just after he takes over he had best be on that one job solely. But if you should care to write him again about a year from now I should think he would be disposed to reconsider.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 3, 1956

Miss Elizabeth B. Herring
National Council on Agricultural
Life and Labor
1751 N Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Miss Herring:

Thank you for your nice letter. I have carefully written your name and NCALL's address into my loose-leaf book; and quite likely you will find a note on crofting turning up on your desk. And come to see us, yonder.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 3, 1956

The Johns Hopkins Magazine
Homewood
Baltimore 18, Maryland

Gentlemen:

This always appreciative name on your mailing list now moves to foreign parts, address unknown for the present. So it would be right to pull the stencil out of the file.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 3, 1956

The Pine Torch
Piney Woods,
Mississippi

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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December 3, 1956

G. M. and O. News
Mobile,
Alabama

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George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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December 3, 1956

Publicity Department
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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December 3, 1956

Steel Facts
American Iron & Steel Institute
150 East Forty-Second Street
New York, New York

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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December 3, 1956

The Negro Farmer
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 3, 1956

The Journal of Labor
Room 100, Atlanta Labor Temple
345 Washington Street, S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

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Executive Director

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December 3, 1956

State Government
1313 East Sixtieth Street
Chicago 37, Illinois

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 3, 1956

Georgia Labor News Digest
P. O. Box 1418
Atlanta, Georgia

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 3, 1956

Mr. Charles Lapidary
Bard College
Annandale-on-Hudson, New York

Dear Mr. Lapidary:

We have in past years been led this time and that against our better judgement to take on a learner. All experience is that it takes anybody six months to learn how to act. And for eight months the game's not worth it. That's the way it is, and you ought to hear it straight.

I rejoice in every good man's purpose to find out and to help; it's just that with a delicate job to do we can't afford to glance away from the ball.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 3, 1956

Mr. Ernst Linde
Governmental Affairs Institute
1726 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Linde:

Luncheon on Friday is a good idea. Right thing would be for you and Mettger to stroll up to the Cosmos Club at 12:15. And I will be down in the lobby waiting for you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 3, 1956

Mrs. William T. Mason
National Council of Negro Women, Inc.
1318 Vermont Avenue, N. W.
Washington 5, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Mason:

You and the National Council were most kind to find the check for my expenses, and I am deeply grateful.

I am sure many useful things were started at the meeting.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated November 28th.

cc: FBR

December 3, 1956

Miss Marjorie Merritt
Director
National Conference of Bar Examiners
520 Guaranty Bank Building
Denver 2, Colorado

Dear Miss Merritt:

As to Thurgood Marshall. I have had dealings with him on matters of law and policy in government agencies since 1940. It so happens that in personal and social relationships our paths have crossed infrequently and I am not a particularly good source of information as to the more private side of his character. But on the public side I offer high testimonial.

The upward thrust of the Negro movement in the United States long ago and everyday again now had and has the choice of using angry and sometimes violent pressure tactics (the kind of thing which in Colonial countries has resulted in assassination, sabotage, rebellion, etc.); or of constantly asking for full enforcement of the Constitution of the United States. It sought the second. And Thurgood Marshall has been the principal instrument of this most praiseworthy effort.

It has been his brains that have steered this whole effort of the NAACP to press segregation against the Constitution of the United States and to have the Constitution triumph.

The United States of America should thank its lucky stars that the Negro movement has pursued this channel and with this man.

In my every contact with him I have found him gentlemanly.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 3, 1956

Miss Barbara W. Moffett
Secretary
Community Relations Program
American Friends Service Committee, Inc.
20 South Twelfth Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Barbara Moffett:

Most helpful letter from you dated November 30.

By good fortune I am to have the afternoon of December 13, the Thursday, in Philadelphia, and I hope there will be a time when you and I can chat.

I am there primarily to talk with the man Gay Wilmore of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. at the Witherspoon Building.

If you are going to be around that afternoon, please to have your secretary at about 2:35 start jangling the telephone in Gay Wilmore's office with a view to rooting me out to come over to your place at an agreed time that afternoon.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 3, 1956

Miss Karin Moore
1614 N. Merrimac Avenue
Chicago 39, Illinois

Dear Miss Moore:

We are sending you some pamphlets and bibliographies to assist in your study of human relations.

An excellent bibliography entitled About 100 Books, is available for twenty cents from the Division of Youth Services, American Jewish Committee, 386 Fourth Avenue, New York 16, New York.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI:mbo

December 3, 1956

Mr. Courtney Siceloff
Penn Community Center
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Courtney:

Delighted to run the letters and here they are. Along with the letters comes the billet doux. Not much.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls.

December 3, 1956

Miss Marion C. Snell
302 S. 1st Street
Ponchatoula, La.

Dear Miss Snell:

We have made a survey of Negro voter registration in the South, but the final report will not be issued until early 1957. However, a preliminary report and other materials on the Negro voter are being sent to you.

Two books which you might find useful are Balance of Power: The Negro Vote by Henry L. Moon and Southern Politics in State and Nation by V. O. Key.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI:mbo

December 3, 1956

(Dictated November 28)

Mr. Arthur C. Thomas
1002½ East Trinity Avenue
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Thomas:

I am sorry I let your letter lie on my desk, but I plead recent travels.

We send you separately fifty copies of the February, 1956, New South. They are supposed to cost $10.00 plus postage. I will absorb the postage but if you have any way of causing $10.00 to come at us for the copies, we would be grateful.

My advice may seem queer but it is the best I have. You and some of your friends at Duke make it a practice systematically to meet and study with some Negro students, once a week or twice a week. Not for ten minutes but for a couple of hours. When this has gone forward for a year or so you are in position to go to the Deans and tell them you have found the association valuable and harmless and you want to continue it officially. Some hearts are so hard that they will not melt for the sun itself. But you can try!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
New South under separate cover 11/28/56

December 3, 1956

Mr. Milton C. Vigo
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

I prepare address lists of things that have been coming aimed at me that ought now to be aimed at Harold. After January 15th aim the welcome bulletin, Research in Action, at Harold Fleming please sir rather than at thy servant George.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated November 28

December 4, 1956

Mr. Ralph Barbare
Winthrop College
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Barbare:

That was thoughtful of you to send over the "Slats" Latimer article on SCM. Much enjoyed. I suspect Slats was one of the guys who so successfully "took off" father in the class-day business!

You know I lay claim to being a South Carolinian, but nobody from South Carolina will honor my claim.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 4, 1956

The Board of Home Missions and
Church Extension of the
Methodist Episcopal Church
1701 Arch Street
Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

Round by round you stand behind us, and we are deeply grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. SRC Official Receipt $250

December 4, 1956

Dr. B. R. Brazeal
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Brazeal:

I have checked with your secretary and found that you plan to return to your office on Wednesday of this week.

Doctor Mitchell would like for you to participate in a dinner honoring Mr. Leonard Haas at the Atlanta University Dining Hall on Thursday evening, December 6, 1956, at 7:00 p.m. The Council's citation will be presented to Mr. Haas at this time.

Each person participating is requested to pay $2.00 for the cost of his or her meal. The affair is open to wives. Please let me know as early as possible whether or not you can attend.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA/bsc

December 4, 1956

Dr. Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Clement:

Doctor Mitchell would like for you to participate in a dinner honoring Mr. Leonard Haas to be held at the Atlanta University Dining Hall on Thursday evening, December 6, 1956, at 7:00 p.m. The Council is presenting a citation to Mr. Haas at this time.

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Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA/bsc

December 4, 1956

Mr. Lincoln Fairley
Research Director
International Longshoremen's &
Warehousemen's Union
150 Golden Gate Avenue
San Francisco 2, California

Dear Mr. Fairley:

I didn't mean to sit on your letter, but by the accident of travel I did; and now it must be too late for any info to be helpful.

But the necessary reply is that we are a tax-exempt and non-political organization, and we are at pains not to collect the kind of information which on this occasion you require. But we keep hearing that various Federal agencies are actively interested in restraints upon Negro voting.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 4, 1956

GSA:

Now that the time and place for the January 23-24 meeting is finally locked, please confer with me about the lists of people who should be invited.

December 4, 1956

Mr. Joseph Haas
1116 First National Bank Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Haas:

By accident we received today from the Civil Liberties Clearing House in Washington this mimeographed account of the series of Acts recently put on the books in Virginia.

They are of obvious interest at this time.

Only copy we have and we would like it back.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

December 4, 1956

Mr. Joseph Haas
Fist National Bank Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Haas:

This will confirm my telephone conversation with you on yesterday in reference to a dinner at Atlanta University Dining Hall on Thursday, December 6, 1956, at 7:00 p.m.; to honor Mr. Leonard Haas.

There will be a change of $2.00 for each person participating in the dinner. The dinner will be held in the Atlanta University Dining Hall located at 40 Chestnut Street, Southwest.

You may also feel free to bring your wife. Some of the board members have indicated that they are bringing their wives. Please let us know immediately if you plan to bring your wife.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA/bsc

December 4, 1956

Mr. Philip Hammer
70 Fairlie Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Hammer:

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Administrative Assistant

GSA/bsc

December 4, 1956

I.U.D. Bulletin
Industrial Union Department
AFL-CIO
815 Sixteenth Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Your publication has been welcome these several years in the office of the Southern Regional Council. It has come addressed to me. I am moving abroad with no known address for the first few months. But the publication should continue to come to the Southern Regional Council.

Right thing to do would be to alter the stencil to read: Harold C. Fleming, Executive Director, Southern Regional Council, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E., Atlanta 3, Georgia.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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December 4, 1956

Africa - Special Report
The Institute of African-American
   Relations
1234 Twentieth Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

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December 4, 1956

Education - News and Views
AFL-CIO
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Washington, D. C.

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Executive Director

December 4, 1956

Georgia Business
College of Business Administration
University of Georgia
Athens, Georgia

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Executive Director

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December 4, 1956

Georgia Council Spotlight
Georgia State Industrial Union Council
AFL-CIO
95 Merritts Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

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Executive Director

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December 4, 1956

African News
4200 Cathedral Avenue, N. W.
Washington 16, D. C.

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Executive Director

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December 4, 1956

International Affairs Bulletin
AFL-CIO
815 Sixteenth Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 4, 1956

Dr. Benjamin E. Mays
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mays:

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You may also feel free to bring your wife. Some of the board members have indicated that they are bringing their wives. Please let us know immediately if you plan to bring your wife.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

gsa/bsc

December 4, 1956

Mr. L. D. Milton, President
Citizens Trust Company
212 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Milton:

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Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA/bsc

Air Mail

December 4, 1956

Mr. Milton C. Rose, Secretary
William C. Whitney Foundation
120 Broadway
New York 5, New York

Dear Mr. Rose:

Your letter to Mr. Fleming requesting a copy of our budget came while he was away from the office.

Mr. Fleming has asked that I send you a copy of the budget, and, a copy of our audit for the fiscal year, October 1, 1955 to September 30, 1956. I am enclosing a copy of both for your convenience.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth House Alexander
Secretary-Treasurer

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Enclosures

December 4, 1956

Mr. Frank S. Loescher
414 South Forty-Sixth Street
Philadelphia 43, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Loescher:

January 23-24 in the city of Atlanta for the follow-up of the first-time Tuskegee meeting still locked, but the place changes. The Waluhaje Hotel has become unavailable and we depend upon the ever-present hospitality of Atlanta University. The graduate students' dormitory will provide accommodation for any reasonable number incoming, and we may all have our meals together at Atlanta University.

Merely means that the Southern Regional Council will have to know in advance who is coming in order to parcel around the housing accommodations.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: Mr. David Freeman

December 4, 1956

Mr. T. R. Waring
Editor
The News and Courier
Charleston, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Waring:

We do not feel called upon to speak in derogation of any other organization. But we think that the record should be set straight as to the origin of the Southern Regional Council; in view of a recent letter in the News and Courier from Mr. James E. Godkin from Beaufort.

Mr. Godkin charged that the Southern Regional Council is the successor of an organization called the Southern Conference for Human Welfare.

The Southern Regional Council was chartered early in 1944 and is the direct outgrowth of the Commission on Interracial Cooperation, which was founded in 1919. The Southern Conference for Human Welfare was organized in 1938 and survived until about 1949. One can readily see that the Council was in existence about five years prior to the disbandment of the SCHW; and therefore, the Council could not possibly be the successor of the SCHW as Mr. Godkin charges.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 4, 1956

Miss Josephine Wilkins
c/o Biltmore Hotel
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Miss Wilkins:

This will confirm my telephone conversation with you on yesterday in reference to a dinner at Atlanta University Dining Hall on Thursday, December 6, 1956, at 7:00 p.m., to honor Mr. Leonard Haas.

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Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assitant

GSA/bsc

December 4, 1956

Mr. Marion Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, N. C.

Dear Mr. Wright:

The matter about a release on the resignation of Dr. Mitchell and the appointment of Harold Fleming has become rather urgent since the local press has carried brief mention of Dr. Mitchell's resignation in the Negro community column.

Harold is home ill which is the reason I am writing you.

Enclosed is a proposed release which has the approval of both Harold and Dr. Mitchell. In the release we attributed some quotes to you but did so only to keep a sort of outline for the release. We wish you would look over the release and telephone us at your earliest convenience with any suggested changes. Please telephone in any event, since we would like to prepare this for a very early release.

Sincerely,

John Constable,
Managing Editor, NEW SOUTH

JC:fc
Encl.

An original of this letter to each person checked on the attached list.

December 5, 1956

Mr. R. E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Clement:

At the Board meeting at Williamsburg in mid-November Paul Christopher made the suggestion that each Board member write out to various people he thought could help the Southern Regional Council, and ask them to send their checks to the Board member or straight in to SRC. Paul has been doing this each year for some time, and it brings in a good lump of money and interests many people.

Paul says the right time is now, just before the end of the calendar year. SRC is tax-exempt, and people thus reminded in this twelfth month are apt to help.

If you are willing thus to help, will you please? If you need us to write the letters, send us quickly the list of the people, and the sample you wish, and the stationery you wish used, and authorization to put your name on for signature, and we will get them out. But better if they come from you.

Not necessarily a lot of letters: a few where they will succeed.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Mailed 12/4-5/56

Rev. 11/12/56

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

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(1)Term expires Nov. '57
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December 5, 1956

Mr. Roger H. Crook
Department of Religion
Meredith College
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Crook:

You rejoice me, and I greatly hope it works out.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 5, 1956

Mr. John H. Marion
100 East Franklin Street
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Jack:

Many thanks for info; which is of great interest and helpful.

I have not the benefit of advice of Counsel on what I now say; but purely from the point of view of public relations and of your educational effort I would, in your shoes, be given pause before I would sue. Fuges may be in a related sort of business; seems to me you are in business primarily of persuading. Yet I can see circumstances which would be persuasive to you on entering a lawsuit.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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December 6, 1956

Miss H. J. Blevit
Representative
New York Telephone Company
P. O. Box 264
Old Chelsea Station
New York, New York

Dear Miss Blevit:

Katherine Stoney is in every way reliable and creditworthy. Her daddy was an Irish Church of England parson migrated to Winston Salem, North Carolina. He brought up a flock of children in honest grooves. Katherine Stoney behaves herself; worked for many years for the YWCA; was Secretary-Treasurer to the Southern Regional Council impeccably for a string of years; and if I had $10,000 I would be glad to lend it to her if she should happen to want it, which she wouldn't.

In other words, let her have the works.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 6, 1956

Mr. Edward Chambers
Friendship House
4233 South Indiana Avenue
Chicago 15, Illinois

Dear Mr. Chambers:

I promised to send you the list of our state people. Here 'tis.

Come back.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Encl.

December 6, 1956

Mr. Paul Christopher
216 Flatiron Building
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Paul:

We followed through on your good suggestion about letters to the ordinary elective Board members.

Here is a sample of what went out.

We will hope that showers of ten centses come in.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

December 6, 1956

Dr. Rufus E. Clement, President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Re: Meeting of Fund for Republic Grantees
on January 23 - 24, 1957.

Dear Doctor Clement:

This will confirm our telephone conversation with your office on yesterday (December 3) in reference to using the facilities of Atlanta University for a meeting of Fund for Republic Grantees on January 23 - 24, 1957. We appreciate your granting us this request.

We are enclosing a tentative outline of the program forthe meeting for your information. As soon as we have replies from the persons who will be invited to the meeting, we will give your staff definate information as to the number of persons who will attend

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

Enclosure

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TENATIVE OUTLINE OF PROGRAM

for

MEETING OF FUND FOR REPUBLIC GRANTEES
on
January 23-24, 1957
at
Atlanta University

WEDNESDAY * January 23, 1957

12:30 p.m.	Lunch, Dining Hall
2:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.	First Conference Session
6:00 p.m.	Dinner, Dining Hall

Night left open for possible conference session or films

THURSDAY - January 24, 1957

9:00 - 12:00 a.m.	Noon continuation of conference
12:20	Adjournment
12:30	Lunch

December 6, 1956

Mr. R. E. Clement
President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Rufus:

Away back in April 1956 at a meeting of the Executive Committee you said that you knew of a labor union in New York which every year gives $500 and a scroll to an individual or organization which has done outstanding work in human relations. Also you said that it might be possible to get you to nominate the Southern Regional Council for this honor; and that such a nomination ought to be made in December.

I now lay the matter back before you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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December 6, 1956

Mrs. Marshall Field
c/o The Field Foundation, Inc.
250 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mrs. Field:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

December 6, 1956

Mr. Marshall Field, Jr.
Editor and Publisher
Chicago Sun-Times
211 W. Wacker Drive
Chicago 6, Illinois

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

December 6, 1956

Mr. David Freeman
The Fund for the Republic
60 East Forty-Second Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Freeman:

Here's a man who wandered in with a book to write. I listened to him adequately and read his stuff, and have conferred with one or two hereabouts to check my judgement.

This is the time in the development of this controversy in the South when a number of books will be written by Southern people; being books which will be persuasive to the many rather out-of-date characters we have hereabouts. The books will not pass muster in the rest of the world. I don't suppose anybody in a modernly civilized place could bear to read a dead-pan account of the posturings that a Southern white person in the course of persuading himself to be decent needs to go through with. It just isn't interesting and ought not to be. But there must be down here twenty million people that have got to go through the necessary contortions. And it would help quite a lot if a smallish spate of books came along telling them how other people have got through.

And a trickle begins to appear at the edge of time. You are helping J. M. Dabbs. Old Dr. Weatherford who taught in the YMCA in its antediluvian days has just done a crisp manuscript to prove that in slavery times Southern white Christians were nice to Southern Negro Christians. Object: to drive in the moral that what could be done in those respected times might well be done again!.

A nice young teacher of the Bible at a Baptist woman's college at Raleigh (Meredith College) wrote us the other day and said he had done a manuscript to show that the Bible was in favor of people being decent on matters of race. Would we read it and consider printing it? We read it and figured that A. C. Miller might get it printed through appropriate and routine Baptist channels. We got Miller to read it and Miller has written the author that Miller feels Miller can get it printed.

This new man Cowart is in the same tradition.

I caused him to hand to me a not unflattering photograph and a curriculum vitae and a precis of what he would like to write. He added also a list of people who would say he is a good egg. They are all good and weighty people. And six or seven of them are notably out in front in matters of race relations in the South.

The precis I must say was a job he had typed himself and it now reaches you retyped by Madame my secretary. Altogether a prettier job and with two, three, or four lapses in grammar smoothed out by your servant Mitchell.

Whereupon I base a conclusion that anything written by the man Cowart would have to be sternly tightened and grammarised by a publisher's rewrite woman.

It doesn't seem to me that Cowart's possibility of performing in a noteworthy way is sufficient to make it right for me to suggest to the Fund for the Republic that it go in heavily on the chance that Cowart would do a notable job.

Have you any intermediate procedure for going in less heavily? That I would warmly recommend.

Of course if nobody is interested in the rather sluggish stream of literature that I imagine into being, skip the whole business.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Trust you to flip this to Frank L.

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East Lake Methodist Church,
2500 Boulevard Dr., N. E.
Atlanta
November 28, 1956

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. Mitchell:

Upon your request I submit for your consideration a brief sketch of some of the things I would like to include in a book on human relations. The primary emphasis will be on race relations here in the deep South.

As parish minister for 46 years in the Methodist Church, I have spent the greater part of that time in the South. I might add that I have long considered recording some of my experiences as a parish minister. I wish to do so with the specific objective of showing how slow we are to respond to a changing world. With what resistance we oppose change wherever deep-seated customs are involved and long-established traditions are regnant. This reluctance is seen more clearly in the relations of white and colored citizens here in the deep South.

Underlying assumptions of my plans include an open-minded approach towards the changes taking place in the South, fully aware that change is inevitable. That strong evidence is at hand to fortify the statement that for nearly one hundred years we have been fighting losing battles here in this South. The truth of this affirmation is obviously found in political relations, in religion, in economic cultural and racial relations.

Now at long last, we find ourselves moving into a totally new South. Our one crop economy is passing, so is the one party system. Since the Supreme Court ruling in 1954, the last stronghold of the old South is crumbling before our eyes; viz, legal segregation.

Another assumption with which I shall proceed is a strong conviction that if we are to take the fact of change by the forelock and not the tail, join the vanguard of the marching hosts of Christian freedom instead of loitering in the rear, we shall need a whole gospel for the whole man and for the whole world. Any well-founded hope for creative and fruitful change in the folkways and in the established practices of a population must rest on the power of Christian faith to change for the better every man and every institution in our society. An inclusive redemption of all societies must be our ultimate goal.

Our approach will be interdenominational and ecumenical. This approach will follow a liberal, historic interpretation of the Holy Scriptures and their relation to all problems. With this assumption there will be no room for doctrinal dogmas or ecclesiastical shibboleths whatsoever.

My purpose holds to so relate the times and the people with whom I have lived and loved to the Jesus of history and the Christ of experience that he may come alive again with new vigor and appear among us the "eternal Contemporary" of all our dreams. That he may truly walk the American roads and enter into all our ways to transform them into the Christian image.

To contribute to approximating this high goal in human relations three emphases will be lifted up in my story.

1. The Magnifying of Christian Worship.

The Archbishop of Canterbury in a war-time broadcase is reported to have said: "This world can be saved from political chaos and collapse by one thing only, and that is worship." Worship he affirms is:

"To quicken the conscience by the holiness of God
To feed the mind with the truth of God
To open the heart to the love of God
To devote the will to the purpose of God."
(This part of my story will be brief and may be considered rather as an assumption upon which the primary emphasis is based)

2. An Experiment in Democracy.

Facing the reluctance to change in many of the members in my various parishes, I set about ways and means to make more democratic the entire administration of the church organization itself, as well as all relations the local church has with the outside community and the world at large. Instead of the work of the institution resting in the hands of the few, I sought to extend it to the many.

A small select group I found in every parish who were devout persons in many instances, but who felt divinely commissioned to run the affairs of the institution without regard to the wishes of other members or the minister himself. They, sad to say, sought only to use others to fulfill their desires. This authority they hugged to their breasts with deep satisfaction. They were comforted in their successful efforts to rule over others.

This attitude is present in most groups of whatever kind to more or less degree. But that it should flourish in the leaders of churches as they administer its affairs is sad to relate. This is not the mind of the Master. It blocks the free and creative working of the Christian leaven in the fellowship of the church itself: outside the church it is seen for what it is even more clearly; and it hinders the progress of the democratic principle in the larger affairs of men.

To cure this reactionary disposition of certain church leaders I introduced the system of rotation of officers throughout the local church fellowship. This was a simple strategy of extending the opportunity of leadership to a larger group of the membership. It met with stiff opposition and in numbers of instances a very unseemly spirit indeed. This practice of rotation is widespread now not only in churches but also in secular organizations of all kinds.

3. Experiment in Racial Relations.

A primary emphasis that I shall lift up in this story will be the principle of inclusive social redemption with specific accent on race relations here in the South.

In every community in which I worked I undertook to organize interracial committees. Leaders of both races in the community were set to the task of exploring the ways and means of a better understanding between the two races. From there it was only a short step to finding ways of working together for the mutual welfare of all. In a number of places these committees became permanent centers of community activities that enriched the total life of an area.

We offer here an excerpt from my story taken from my parish in Auburn, Alabama, where I was minister of the First Methodist Church (1923-1938).

In this "loveliest village of the Plains" dwelt some 10,000 souls, black and white. About one-third of this population was colored. The church leaders were in the village life and furnished leadership for many community activities, both on and off the college campus. During my first year as minister I suggested to the white ministerial group that open-air, interdenominational vesper services be introduced for the summer months; and that these religious assemblies be community-wide and sponsored by the several local congregations.

I was surprised to find strong opposition to the idea among the pastors. A number of reasons were offered why this step should not be taken. "People won't go," "Who would do the preaching?" "How will you finance such an adventure?" "You will not be able to get outstanding people to come to speak to this assembly." This is a sample of their thinking. All these men were brothers of mine and we were on the best of terms in our work together in the community. Before I arrived they had sponsored Union services during the summer at the various sanctuaries with local pastors as speakers for the occasions. Their testimony was that no one came; no interest was shown. But they were not ready to take this step.

I remember that in the midst of the hot discussion the Baptist minister simply walked out of the meeting as much as to say: "That ends it so far as Baptists are concerned, period."

The ministers who remained in the session remarked to me: "Well, parson, that ends it. If the Baptists will not go along with you, we cannot make this idea of yours work." Whereupon I rejoined: "You are mistaken gentlemen, if you remaining brethren will go along with us I will assume the financial responsibility of this project. Furthermore, if you and your flocks will join with us Methodists and announce to the community that the majority of the churches will support this enterprise, the Baptists will fall in line." They reluctantly agreed on condition that Dr. L. A. Duncan, President of API, would confirm such an arrangement. The President gladly gave his blessing. The churches voted to do so. Much publicity was given to this first assembly.

Dr. Henry M. Edmonds, Birmingham, a winsome speaker, a liberal evangelical, a man of great charm and even greater good sense agreed to be our first guest to appear on this community program of Christian worship. A great enthusiastic assembly greeted Dr. Edmonds, including the Baptist pastor, who sat on the platform, and many of his saints were present in the congregation.

The assembly was lifted up under the appeal of Dr. Edmonds to see with deeper insight into the values inherent in our common faith. They were thrilled and went away happy to find this new joyous fellowship across denominational lines. They were united in a fellowship of understanding and of deep emotion. This first gathering together of the saints from all faiths and no faiths marked a new day in the community life. It was a new forceful affirmation wrought out by a common sharing of our common faith that we had at hand what it takes to match all our needs of the human spirit.

Elated over this experiment the first year, I trimmed my sails for a real adventure in community sharing across racial lines, the second year of the summer series.

I shall never forget the amazement on the faces of my clerical brothers as we met in May, 1940, to plan our summer series. The ampitheatre on the college campus had the first summer been crowded with worshippers. We had greater things in mind as we met to plan for the second year. I introduced the idea that we invite Dr. F. D. Patterson, President of Tuskegee Institute, at the time, to be a guest speaker for one Sunday evening. That he bring with him the famous Tuskegee Institute Choir. The group felt keenly that this would be a great mistake. They were against it.

I began to reassure them that their fears were unfounded; that nothing unseemly would result from such a program. The members of the group all began talking at once. They felt that I must have slipped a cog or two. I was reminded that I did not know my South. That certainly I did not know my own native state. I listened to their pleas, given in the best of spirit and with due respect for my own, though different from theirs on this matter. I remarked: "Where were you men born, anyway?" I seemed to recall that none of them were natives of Alabama. One was a native of Virginia, another of North Carolina, still another of Georgia. "Ah, my fellow clerics," I said, "I am the only native-born Alabamian." The statement caused only a slight pause in the argument. Whereupon they took another tack in their effort to convince me of the error of my thinking: "We will agree to this step, but only with great reluctance, provided that we get the permission of the president of the college. I agreed. While I had not interviewed the president on the matter, I felt that he would not oppose any step the ministers felt would be good for the community.

My fellow craftsmen went away from the session feeling that the president, a cautious man, would kill the plan. Thus my idea would die in the borning. One of the number would interview the president and advise us of his decision. Quite to their surprise he approved the plan and gave his hearty sanction.

This was a decision that marked a great step forward in interracial fellowship in the community and throughout the state.

Dr. Patterson came with his group of singer. For thirty minutes the assembly was hushed and then lifted on the wings of heavenly harmony through an artistic singing of the great experiences of the Negro race for hundreds of years of slavery.

Then I introduced President Patterson, who spoke for twenty minutes in the most chaste English and with deep sincerity and simple eloquence. He spoke out of his heart for a better understanding of our common heritage and our common needs. He called for a clear facing of life with the Christian emphasis.

The whole assembly sat there with the tall pines over their heads and the stars above the pines, in the wide infinite sky, shining down upon all their faces. It is a fact that the large congregation was literally caught up in one grand moment of holy emotion. Persons moved as one body forward to greet Dr. Patterson and members of the choir with greetings and salutations of sincere hospitality and appreciation.

Dr. Duncan was heard to say to the Tuskegee president: "Come over some day soon and let me show you around the campus. I want you to see our new buildings."

This event marked a forward step in human relations in which race or color or creed really did not matter. The result was that every year for a number of years each summer the Tuskegee choir came to sing and a Tuskegee faculty member came to speak out of his heart concerning the things that matter most for all men. Dr. Harry V. Richardson, Chaplain at the time of Tuskegee Institute, spoke a number of summers to an understanding and appreciative assembly.

December 6, 1956

Mr. Fred Fuges, Director
Rights of Conscience Program
American Friends Service Committee
27 Twelfth Street
Philadelphia 7, Pa.

Dear Mr. Fuges:

Enclosed you will find copies of letters from Jim McCain and Bill Williams which relate to the inquiries you made during your recent visit. I assume you plan to visit Jim McCain in Columbia. If you find it difficult to do so, we will be glad to help in any way possible.

Very truly yours,

Paul Anthony
Information Service

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Encs.

December 6, 1956

Mr. Maxwell Hahn
The Field Foundation, Inc.
250 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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December 6, 1956

Mr. Maxwell Hahn
The Field Foundation, Inc.
250 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Hahn:

Jack Sessions at the ILGWU, Columbus 5-7000, has me coming to New York December 11th and 12th to do some teaching for him.

I will make it my business to call at your office. I enjoy the occasions for sampling and summation.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 6, 1956

Mrs. Charles S. Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Johnson:

The Board of the Southern Regional Council in annual meeting November 14, 1956, at Williamsburg, Virginia, unanimously adopted the following resolution.

> On this Thirteenth Anniversary Meeting of the Southern Regional Council we consider the passing of Dr. Charles S. Johnson a grievous loss. From the inception of the Council, of which Dr. Johnson was a principal founder, he gave invaluable leadership. We shall sorely miss his understanding, his guidance, and his wise counsel. Not only this organization, but the Southern region, the field of higher learning, and the nation itself will be the poorer without him. But the concept of democracy, which he did so much to further, will continue to grow -- and this will be to him a living testimonial.

My own most vivid recollection of Dr. Johnson was of one or two of those occasions at the Hay-Adams Hotel in Washington where Dr. Johnson and Dr. Alexander and Edwin Embree, having taken rooms for a long week-end, sat together to winnow out proposals to the Rosenwald Fund. This little meeting was really a central planning commission for democracy in the Southern states.

Devotedly,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

12/6/56

Mr. Frank S. Loescher
414 South Forty-Sixth Street
Philadelphia 43, Pennsylvania

Dear Frank:

My New York run is queer. I arrive at the International Airport ten something in the morning of the 11th and have to teach for Jack Sessions at ILG, 1700 Broadway (around Fifty-fifth) at 1:00 p.m. on the 11th.

Nothing I would like better than to have lunch with you on the 11th, but if we are to succeed in getting any food into us we would have to start digging into it as early as 11:50. Do you think you could?

I will show at the Fund for the Republic office at 11:30 the morning of Tuesday, December 11. I can always flirt with the young ladies if you are not to be seen until 11:46.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: mailed to Mr. Loescher
Fund for the Republic
60 East Forty-Second St.
New York 17, New York

December 6, 1956

Mr. Benjamin E. Mays
President
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mays:

Unfortunately for my wishes to be present at the faculty meeting December 13th I am long promised to be in New York December 11-14; and am therefore sunk.

If for any matter you or others would wish me to appear for conference earlier (or later), I will be glad to come.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 6, 1956

Mr. Harold Preece
P. O. Box 210
Brooklyn 16, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Preece:

Under separate cover we are sending you the report on pro-segregation groups in the South which you requested. You will also find several back issues of New South and we have arranged to have you billed for a one year subscription to the magazine.

Thank you for your kind words of encouragement.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Information Service

PA:mbe

December 6, 1956

Mrs. Thomas L. Puryear
P. O. Box 487
Petersburg, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Puryear:

We are forwarding to Miss Hampton, Messrs Weaver and Marcus the material which you requested in regard to the Tuskegee Meeting.

With kindest regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA/bsc

December 6, 1956

Mr. Galen R. Weaver
Race Relations Dept.
Board of Home Missions
287 Fourth Ave.,
N.Y. 10 N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Weaver:

At the request of Mrs. Pauline S. Puryear, who represented the Joint Commissions of Social Action of the Congregational Christian and Evangelical and Reformed Churches at a recent meeting at Tuskegee Institute, I am enclosing materials in regard to this meeting.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

Enclosure

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December 6, 1956

Rev. Chester Marcus
2969 West 25th Street
Cleveland, 13 Ohio

Dear Rev. Marcus:

At the request of Mrs. Pauline S. Puryear, who represented the Joint Commissions of Social Action of the Congregational Christian and Evangelical and Reformed Churches at a recent meeting at Tuskegee Institute, I am enclosing materials in regard to this meeting.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

Enclosure
GSA/bsc

December 6, 1956

Miss Dorothy Estelle Hampton
235 W. 103rd St., Apt. D
New York 25, New York

Dear Miss Hampton:

At the request of Mrs. Pauline S. Puryear, who represented the Joint Commission of Social Action of the Congregational Christian and Evangelical and Reformed Churches at a recent meeting at Tuskegee Institute, I am enclosing materials in regard to this meeting.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

Enclosure

cc: Mrs. Thomas L. Puryear

GSA/bsc

December 6, 1956

Miss Thelma Stevens
Executive Secretary
Woman's Division of Christian Service
Board of Missions, Methodist Church
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Miss Stevens:

In regard to your letter of the 4th, we are sending under separate cover 25 copies of our report of resistance groups.

We are pleased that you can make use of this material and if we can be of any further help, please call on us.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony,
Information Service

PA:fc

December 7, 1956

Mr. Melvin Arnold
Harper & Brothers
49 East 33rd Street
New York 16, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Arnold:

A thousand apologies for not communicating with you sooner. My trip to New York was cut short, eliminating the day when I had planned to see you. Failing that, my aim has been to send you descriptions of several community situations which might be appropriate for your projected book. The problem has simply been an extraordinarily heavy load on our staff.

Ideally we should get you and/or your prospective author in the office here for a day or two and talk the possibilities out. Then on the more hopeful ones we could dredge up from the files more detailed information. If that is not possible, I will pursue with renewed vigor my intention to send you at least a few case summaries.

In any event, I hope you won't interpret my long silence as signifying indifference to your project. Quite the opposite is the case.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

December 7, 1956

Mr. F. Woods Beckman
5908 Magazine Road
Knoxville 20, Tennessee

Dear Woods:

It certainly was good to see you again and visit with you. I particularly enjoyed that drive up to the Mountains. I wonder if you have read Justice William Douglas' book Of Men and Mountains. Anybody who cares for the high places will find it fasinating.

When I was in Knoxville, you requested that we send you 30 copies of the November issue of New South. Mrs. Alexander informs me that you wrote her and asked for 15 copies, which have already been sent. Therefore, I am sending you, under separate cover, an additional 15 copies for the total of 30 you requested.

As to Tennessee Council members in the Knoxville area, the office in Nashville could supply them much more readily than we. The address there, as you no doubt remember, is 2005 Grand Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee.

Best regards to Mrs. Beckman and my other friends in Knoxville.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh,
Assistant Director

FBR:fc

P.S. The people you inquired about in the letter to Mrs. Alexander are not on our subscription list.

December 7, 1956

Mr. Robert W. Brown
The Ledger-Enquirer
Columbus, Georgia

Dear Bob:

Sorry I missed seeing you last weekend. I take it you either didn't come or were too hard pressed to get in touch.

If the latter is true I can well understand it since I saw the story on your impending change in jobs. Congratulations on the new unannounced post.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

December 7, 1956

Cosmos Club
2120 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I probably asked you to hold a room for me on the nights of December 14th and 15th. Still need it the 14th; shan't need it the 15th.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 7, 1956

Mr. Walter C. Cowart
East Lake Methodist Church
2500 Boulevard Drive, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Cowart:

Many thanks for the precis and the other things.

A couple of us here have read them with appraising eyes.

I have written to appropriate people to see whether funds might be forthcoming to make it possible for you to write what you want to write. One never knows what the chances are. All I know to do is to sit and wait and see.

But do come in when you may be free and we can talk further.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eah

December 7, 1956

Mr. Nat Griswold, Executive Director
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
211 Izard Street
Little Rock, Ark.

Dear Nat:

Please pardon this delay in answering your request for the October issue of New South. I have been out of the office almost continuously.

Unfortunately, we didn't anticipate the heavy demand for the October issue, and we are practically stripped of copies. The best I can do is send you five and promise to let you know if we work out any way of getting more of them printed.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

December 7, 1956

Mr. Carey E. Haigler
AFL-CIO Regional Director
Region V
Independence Building
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Carey:

Daggone nice of you to write!

You know that I have always admired you and just your stand in the labor movement.

One saving grace about this Scotland business is that there will be a two-unit motel right next door to the Mitchell cottage. Incredible scenery. Terrible road. Cold and windy and wet. But a warm peat fire. And I cannot earn but $400 a year without getting immeshed in British income tax, and so each year after the first $400 comes in on the motel, the motel is open for free. I will even pay a modest bonus for anybody from the AFL-CIO that will come and stay in the motel. Double bonus for the Haiglers.

We sail March 8th. I do hope that there will be some way to say hello once more before that happens.

And I am not gone for good and all; I have begged various people to ask me back for an odd year of teaching if by 1959 or '62 they can remember who I am.

Affectionately,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: RHA
FBR

December 7, 1956

Reverend Duncan Hunter
Chairman
Alabama Council on Human Relations
1218 Comer Building
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Hunter:

In accordance with your telephone conversation today justifying the need of the Alabama Council on Human Relations for an emergency allocation, we send you $500. It is a condition of this supplementary grant to the Alabama Council on Human Relations that the ACHR raise an additional hundred dollars from normal sources. We spoke of no time limit, but I should think it would be reasonable for you to have fetched in the extra hundred by February 1, 1957, and we would be grateful for Mr. Hughes giving us a letter as of that date telling us what happened about the raising of the $100.

No decision is now taken that the raising of this $100 increases or diminishes the sum which the Alabama Council must raise in the fiscal year 1956-57.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/emb
cc: Reverend Duncan Hunter
First Methodist Church
Alexander City, Alabama

Encl.

December 7, 1956

Mr. George K. Hunton
Catholic Interracial Council
20 Vesey Street
New York 7, N. Y.

Dear George:

Sorry to be so late in answering your good letter of November 23. In my absence from the office, my secretary sent you 10 copies of the October issue of *New South*. Unfortunately we didn't forsee the demand for it, and that was about all we had left.

Thanks for the kind words about our part of the integration booklet. I'm glad that you felt that we did justice to the religious section. Of course, we had to leave out many fine things because they did not fall within the self-imposed two year period of survey. It may be that Loth's omissions are similarly explained. I don't know, however, since I had little communication with him about the Northern survey. In any case, it is hard to see how such a report could fail to deal substantially with the impressive contribution that the Catholic churches and institutions have made to desegregation.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbe

December 7, 1956

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Jeffrey
Fox Run Lane
Greenwich, Connecticut

Dear Marianne and Friedel:

As so long planned, I am going to quit hereabouts January 15, drawing a month's leave, get myself leisurely to New York, and sail on the Saxonia for Liverpool March 8, 1957 — with Alice. Ellen's in Paris and Charlotte follows June 7th to Scotland.

I will hope that in the course of our poking along toward New York on the boat we can be at Greenwich twenty-five minutes and come to see you both.

Meanwhile, I bespeak to Friedel for my successor in the Council, Harold Fleming, Friedel's continued annual help. Fleming is a grand guy. Harvard, World War II veteran, been in the Council seven or eight years; will do a better job than I have done. In due time he will write Friedel. I merely write to say the man is trustworthy and a good'un.

Devotedly,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 7, 1956

Mr. Guy B. Johnson
Institute for Research in Social Science
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, N. C.

Dear Guy:

I deeply appreciate your letter. I have been this long answering, since it has taken some time to find exactly what we have on the early membership list.

It turns out that we have only what is in the minute book - namely, the persons attending the charter meeting in 1944 and the membership meetings in 1945 and 1946. These do not, of course, represent the complete membership in those years. If these lists will be helpful in the project you mentioned, let me know and I will send copies to you.

I was sorry not to see you at Williamsburg, but I'm looking forward to continued and I hope more frequent association with you in the period ahead.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

December 7, 1956

Mr. Guy B. Johnson
Box 652
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Guy:

George Mitchell recalls that in that year when the North Carolina Interracial Committee employed a male school teacher as its secretary, SRC supplied to that man white cards containing the name and address of each and every SRC member resident in North Carolina. That was perhaps '46 or '47.

Otherwise no lists of SRC members in North Carolina are believed to have been compiled. The only way of getting at it would be to take the blue cards containing the complete and earliest membership records of SRC, and by making a careful reading of the tick marks for the payments of dues determine which North Carolina persons paid their SRC dues in appropriate years. SRC supplied these blue cards to the North Carolina Council on Human Relations in about October, 1954. By supplied, I mean we physically sent the blue cards, thus divesting SRC of any record here of dues payments -- although we did keep here certain white cards listing the names and addresses of such sometime SRC members from North Carolina.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 7, 1956

Mr. Edward B. Orr
The Christian Science Monitor
One Norway Street
Boston 15, Mass.

Dear Mr. Orr:

It was a great pleasure to have you visit us and to have the chance to tell you personally how much we appreciate the Monitor's constructive treatment of the segregation problem.

You will be hearing from me from time to time. Meanwhile, any time we can furnish information or opinion that will be helpful to you, be sure to let me know.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbe

December 7, 1956

Mr. Ben Price
Route 1, Box 272
McLean, Virginia

Dear Ben:

Thanks for the social science piece. Despite your gripes, I think you got a good story out of it. Of course the highly charged language (your specialty) is bound to make people mad on both sides of the fence. But this is what sells newspapers and besides I'm for it. Let me know when the piece is scheduled to run.

I hope Margaret has received the stuff by now. I understand it was mailed on Friday the 30th. If it hasn't come, ask her to let us know post-haste. Tell her I'm still sitting on the Tennessee stuff; to mired down with a cold to focus on it. But will do.

Best to you both.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Enc.

December 7, 1956

Mrs. David A. Reeder
Trotter Road
Clarksville, Maryland

Dear Charlotte:

I had everything cooked for coming to your house Friday night, December 14th, for supper when the man I have to see and was to see Saturday said he had to see me Friday night. So I agreed that he and I would have supper together at the Cosmos Club at about 2120 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W., at 6:00 on the night of December 14th. And I expect I will take a midnight plane that same night to Atlanta.

Howsomeever it seems to me that there might be a faint chance that you and the honorable David would engage a baby-sitter that night and show up at 6:00 at the Cosmos Club for all of us to have supper together. I admit that I must early closet myself with the man Stanley Ruttenberg, but no need to be thus closeted until we have all chewed duck. Consider it, and if it can happen assist it. If it does not happen, the last chance to touch hands would be when Alice and I make a leisurely journey North in early March to catch the boat; when we might try to make use of this complicated business you kindly sent about New Road and Old Road and Trotter Road. I keep the directions in my black book.

I instructed the man Ruttenberg to call you today and say supper that Friday night is off at Clarksville. This puts supper on at Massachusetts Avenue.

Devotedly,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

AIRMAIL December 7, 1956

Mr. Edward Reed
Fund for the Republic
60 East 42nd Street
New York, New York

Dear Ed:

A thousand pardons for this delayed answer on the Warren book and the Carmichael reprint. Since I got back from my travels I have been having my annual bout with the virus and my mail has gone neglected.

I think we could give effective distribution to as many as 250 copies of Warren's opus.

Could we have a thousand copies of the Carmichael piece? I'm sure that many of our state affiliates would want to have some for distribution.

Thanks and best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

December 7, 1956

Mr. Milton C. Rose, Secretary
William C. Whitney Foundation
120 Broadway
New York 5, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Rose:

I'm sorry I misinterpreted Mike Straight's request for further information.

By telephone, during my absence from the office I asked Mrs. Alexander to send you a copy of our audit as of September 30th and a copy of a budget proposal approved by our annual meeting on November 14th. I should explain the fact that only a four-month budget - through January 31st - was acted on. Because of internal changes, our Board felt that the formulation of budget beyong January should be left in the hands of the Executive Committee. However, the information on the 1955-56 budget gives a fairly good indication of how the money has been going.

If further financial information is needed, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbe

December 7, 1956

Mr. Stanley H. Ruttenberg
Director
Department of Research
AFL-CIO
815 Sixteenth Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Stanley:

All straight, as per 'phone. We are to have dinner the night of Friday, December 14th at the Cosmos Club, and can do our talking that night. I will head on out for Atlanta late that night.

You undertook to telpphone my cousin Mrs. David Reeder, in Clarksville, Maryland, that I wasn't coming to supper at her house.

See you,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 7, 1956

Mr. Courtney Siceloff
Penn Community Services, Incorporated
St. Helena Island
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Courtney:

Good to hear from you. In my absence from the office my secretary caused to have sent to you three copies of the integration booklet we are handling for the Fund on consignment.

Our staff is loaded at the moment, but I'm asking Florence Irving, our research assistant, to get up for you as soon as she can the information on integrated groups in George and South Carolina.

We can always make a few copies of letters for you on our duplicating machine, but anything more than a few gets to be a fairly big deal. Let me know how many copies you are thinking in terms of.

All the best to you and Lib.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

December 7, 1956

Mr. Charles H. Thompson, Editor
Journal of Negro Education
Howard University
Washington 1, D. C.

Dear Mr. Thompson:

It is quite all right to use my name for the time being in your prospective Table of Contents.

Our consultants in Florida were Dr. Lewis M. Killian, sociologist and Dr. Elston E. Roady a member of the Department of Political Science, both at The Florida State University, Tallahassee. Of the two, I should suppose that Dr. Roady is the more likely possibility for your chapter on Florida.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbe

December 7, 1956

Mr. Adam Yarmolinsky
The Fund for the Republic Inc.
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Adam:

Thanks for speaking to Phil Graham about the Atlanta station. You found out what we needed to know for now.

Thanks too for marking me in on the correspondence re John Frank's proposal. I would be interested in Phil Coombs' reply. As I understand the possible project by the FAE, it would be focused on any experience in the border and Southern states rather than on the communities which were studied for Schools in Transition.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

December 7, 1956

Mr. Galen R. Weaver
Race Relations Department
Board of Home Missions
Congregational Christian Churches
287 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Galen:

Thank you for your letter about Miss Lowry's key role in your desegregation activities. We would be delighted to have her present at future conferences.

We will shortly be circularizing the agencies represented at the Consultative Conference on Desegregation in New York. We are asking them to designate, if they will, up to two staff persons working in the South who should attend the Southern meeting to be held in Atlanta January 23-24. Miss Lowry's name would be welcome.

I hope there will be an occasion some time soon when you and I may have some leisurely conversation. Meanwhile best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

December 7, 1956

Mr. John H. Wheeler, President
Mechanics and Farmers Bank
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

I can't tell you how much I appreciate your thoughtful letter and your words of encouragement.

I have long admired your leadership in the Council and in the public affairs of North Carolina. You can be sure that the staff will do its utmost to justify the confidence that you and the other Board members placed in us.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

December 7, 1956

Mrs. J. H. Wilcox
1816 Lake Avenue
Knoxville 16, Tennessee

Dear Teddy:

First of all let me thank you very much for the pleasant visit in your home. I enjoyed the evening with you and Jack and the other guests you had.

I believe the meeting with the joint Committee and the evening speech made my trip worthwhile from a professional point of view.

I am sending you under separate cover only 10 copies of the New South issue which contains the statement by the Church groups. We have run very short of them. The Tennessee Council office was sent 10 copies, and perhaps they could spare some for the Knoxville area. The address, as you probably know, is 2005 Grand Avenue, Nashville, Tenn.

Once more, my sincere thanks for a very pleasant visit.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh,
Assistant Director

FBR:fc

December 7, 1956

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

Attached is a copy of the proposed New Year letter for your approval and/or corrections.

Dr. Mitchell requested that I ask you if you have additional names -- to your list sent in 1955 -- and whether you wish us to send the finished letters to you for signature or authorize someone here to sign them for you.

Certainly I should have shown you the letter yesterday, but I just didn't remember about it.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth A. Brantley

eab/

PROPOSED NEW YEAR LETTER

Dear :

The officers and staff of the Southern Regional Council's Atlanta office thank you for generous interest in the year that is closing, and greet you with warm hopes for a substantial increase in freedom in the South in the coming year.

Sincerely,

Marion A. Wright
President

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director Elect

AIRMAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY December 10, 1956

Miss Mabel C. Mount
Managing Editor
Public Affairs Pamphlets
22 East 38th Street
New York 16, N. Y.

Dear Miss Mount:

We have just received a letter from Mr. Frank Loescher of the Fund for the Republic commenting on the round-up-article on integration written by Harold Fleming and me. Mr. Loescher indicated he liked the article, but pointed out one error which we had overlooked. I hope it is not too late to correct this. The error is in the section on The Non-South under housing. The second sentence reading as follows, should be deleted entirely - "New Jersey, Indiana, and Illinois have taken steps to root out segregation where it has been newly opened to Negroes, and some private housing developments have acquired their first Negro residents."

Mr. Loescher also suggests that a sentence should be added about New York under the housing section. If you are able to do this, the sentence should read - "New York has taken the lead in the use of state legislation and administrative action against segregation in housing."

Hope you can make these changes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Managing Editor - New South

JC:mbo

December 10, 1956

Mr. G. H. Taylor
Office of the Registrar
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Taylor:

Here's my check for $3.00 for the hood. Many thanks!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

December 10, 1956

Miss Sophie Van S. Theis
Doris Duke Foundation
41 East Fifty-Seventh Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Miss Theis:

This little bit of forehandedness would have been quite impossible without our special fact-gathering service which the Doris Duke Foundation so generously helped.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. "Summary of Events Leading up to Montgomery, Ala. Bus Ruling"

December 10, 1956

Barbara W. Moffett
Secretary
Community Relations Program
American Friends Service Committee
Twenty South Twelfth Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Barbara:

Glad to do anything Irene needs. Or anybody else at AFSC. Sorry to miss you, but I will come again.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Enclosed Photo'd clip from Atl. Jo-Const. 12/9/56
"Griffin Aids Defendants at Clinton"

December 10, 1956

Mr. Henry L. Moon
National Association for the
Advancement of Colored People
Twenty West Fortieth Street
New York 18, New York

Dear Henry:

It seems to me that this ought to be helpful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

December 10, 1956

Mr. Jerome M. Ziegler
Executive Director
American Foundation for Political
Education
19 South LaSalle Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Mr. Ziegler:

I do appreciate your kind letter and the prospect of corn meal on Confederate Memorial Day!

I have not yet read the good things, but I will. And I did read the leaflet all about what you do, and I am for it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Mailed 12/11/56

to:

Rev. W. Carroll Brooke
Mrs. James S. Crate
Mr. Walter Sharp
Mr. J. Claude Evans
Dr. Raymond Wheeler
Mrs. Elsie Whitman Rowland
Miss Dorcas Ruthenburg
~~Mr. B. R. Brazeal~~
Mr. E. C. Peters
Mr. Caxton Doggett
Rev. Colbert Cartwright
Rev. Duncan Hunter

Information copies to:
Rev. Robert E. Hughes
Mr. C. G. Gomillion
Mr. Nat Griswold
Mr. C. C. Walker
Mr. William K. Williams
Mr. Edward D. Davis
Mr. Guy H. Wells
Mr. B. R. Brazeal
Mr. Galen A. Martin
Mr. Charles T. Steele
Mr. Milton C. Vigo
Mr. Numa J. Rousseve
Mr. Harry S. Jones
Mr. S. E. Duncan
Mrs. E. H. Spearman
Mr. John F. Potts
Mr. James A. McDaniel
Rev. Edwin G. Kloppe
Mr. W. R. Banks
Mr. John H. Marion
Mr. John M. Ellison
Mrs. D. S. Wheatley

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ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENU

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

December 10, 1956

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

TO: Chairmen of Affiliated State Organizations

FROM: George S. Mitchell, Executive Director

The mid-November Board meeting of the Southern Regional Council concerned itself mainly with the future relationship between state organizations and the central office of the Southern Regional Council.

This memo resulted from the Board's deliberations. They amended importantly an earlier draft, amending it to strengthen the future link with SRC.

We on the staff of the SRC take it that this memo settles policy on this matter. We are prepared to do everything that we can to help you specifically in program, in techniques of fund-raising, and anything else; with a view to your facing successfully the chance of full independence.

However, the central office also hopes that funds can be raised to enable modest and tailor-made aid to come to you through SRC.

Information copies to:
Vice-Chairmen
State Directors
Mrs. D. S. Wheatley, Chrmn., MCHR.

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GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

MEMORANDUM

October 22, 1956

From: Rufus E. Clement, Chairman, Executive Committee

To: Members of the Southern Regional Council

Subject: Proposals re Future of SRC

The Executive Committee, at its meeting of September 20-21, considered at length the orientation and emphasis of the Southern Regional Council's program in the period ahead. Staff members had submitted, in the form of a memorandum, proposals which were worked over by the Committee in great detail. At the conclusion of these deliberations, the Executive Committee voted unanimously to "approve in principle the suggestions made in the staff memorandum of September 12, 1956, to the effect that the Southern Regional Council move toward, and arrive at, by September 1957, a program which places major emphasis upon a centralized regional operation rather than, as heretofore, a state program."

The present memorandum, drafted by the staff at the direction of the Executive Committee, sets out the proposals and the considerations which led us to submit them to the full Council for decision. I hope that you will find the opportunity to acquaint yourself thoroughly with this material so that our discussion at Williamsburg may reflect the most thoughtful judgments of everyone present.

End of Present Grant Program

The current three-year period of aid from the Fund for the Republic, which expires on September 30, 1957, has been largely devoted to decentralizing the SRC movement in terms of both use of funds and program emphasis. The original expectation was that once the legal principle of integration was established, the problems of adjustment would break down according to widely varying local circumstances. Thus the energies and resources of SRC have been largely directed to subsidizing and servicing state affiliates. Within the three-year grant period, SRC has sought to create strong, professionally staffed, self-supporting, integrated agencies in the 12 Southern states.

By October 1, 1957, this objective will have been achieved in considerable part. In a few states, the present affiliates have failed to get off the ground, and one or two others might not survive the withdrawal of major subsidy by SRC. But, in most cases, the state groups should be expected to have reasonably effective programs and enough fund-raising competence to continue -- though the first few years would be difficult for many of them.

In view of the special difficulties arising from the development of powerful, officially sanctioned resistance in the South, we believe the three-year state organization effort will represent a creditable achievement. But we also believe that the efforts of the state organizations alone cannot meet the critical challenge of this period in the South. A renewal of program through regional staff is also essential.

SRC in a Time of Crisis

Since May 1954 and particularly within the past year, a national crisis has been precipitated by political and private reaction to the Supreme Court's school decision. We will not attempt a lengthy analysis of these developments, which are well known to people in SRC, but we list a few of the highlights.

What began as attitudes of defiance in four deep South states has become a "united front" by eight states. This defiance is manifested not only in official actions and utterances directed at the Supreme Court and its decision, but has also taken the turn of oppressive measures against Negroes or whites within the states who favor a positive or even a mere moderate course of action.

Accompanying this official posture have been the phenomenal growth of the White Citizens Councils and other resistance movements, set-backs in the churches and the labor movement, the deterioration of political campaigns, and in general conformity or silence by the more responsible elements in the South. The example set by state office-holders and others in high places has stirred excitable rank and file Southerners to violence in several instances - even in areas in Tennessee, Texas, Kentucky, and West Virginia where integration should have been expected to proceed without a ripple.

All of this has presented grave problems in national and international terms. The impact of this Southern revolt on the prestige of the United States abroad, particularly among Asians and Africans, is of great concern to every thoughtful American. Domestically, the assaults on the authority of the Supreme Court, respect for law and order, and recognition of the rights of minority group citizens are major threats to the national welfare.

It has been observed by the New York Times and others that what is needed is a mobilization of all the constructive forces the country can muster to deal with the problem of segregation wisely and effectively. Unfortunately, such a mobilization has not taken place - largely because of confused national opinion about the workability of desegregation, about the extent and depth of resistance in the South, and about the potentialities of Negro citizens.

The Citizens Councils and several Southern state governments are making an extensive and expensive effort to sway national opinion. The effectiveness of these efforts to sell the racial "status quo" are evident in various ways: The U. S. News and World Report has given major support to pro-segregation views, most notably through popularization of one psychologist's thesis that Negroes are inherently less intelligent than whites. Such nationally syndicated columnists as Dorothy Thompson and Walter Lippman have argued that the trend toward integration should be slowed or halted. The platforms of both major political parties failed to endorse the Supreme Court's school decisions.

In short the climate of opinion has worsened not only in the South, but in the rest of the nation as well. And instead of merely local problems arising out of local opposition to integration, we are confronted by a renewal of pro-segregation activity that is regional in its leadership and national in its impact. A measure of this fact was the nearly unanimous adoption of the "Southern Manifesto" by Southern members of Congress. It is true, of course, that some of the Congressmen signed under duress. But the fact that such duress was possible indicates the power of the monolithic approach.

This situation imposes a tremendous responsibility on the SRC. As the one South-wide body with experience, professional skills, and reputation in the field of race relations, we must perform on a broader and more effective scale than ever before. And we must recognize that we are dealing with causes and effects which are truly nation-wide in their impact.

Our task, as we see it, includes but goes far beyond the stimulation of local action to deal with matters of desegregation and democratic racial relations at the community level. We must play a greater role in establishing a broad national and Southern climate of opinion in which positive local efforts can succeed. We must assume more of the leadership in educating and rallying those national forces whose action or inaction at this time is crucial.

Indeed, it is doubtful that the Southern Regional Council can secure further major financing unless it develops program aimed at meeting these broader needs.

Relationship with State Organizations

SRC, with the generous aid of the Fund for the Republic, has made an extensive and valuable contribution to the growth of skill and organization in the several Southern states. Our state affiliates, against sizable odds, have shown gratifying development. Given a workable climate of opinion and influence, they can contribute greatly in the years ahead to the orderly implementation of integration within their respective states.

However, their effectiveness - indeed, their survival - is imperiled by national and regional developments on which they can have little influence. If we are to protect our investment in them, we must necessarily apply the resources and skills of SRC to this broader arena of opinion and practical forces. To do this will require basic reassessment of our financing, organizational structure, and program emphasis.

Proposed Future Relationship

In the light of prevailing circumstances, it is our judgment that SRC should now plan for a period after October 1, 1957, of approximately three years of increased effort as a regional organization carrying on program activities through its own staff.

During the last two and one-half years, we have devoted most of our resources to building and assisting the state affiliates. We have, necessarily, had to forego the development and execution of many program activities by the regional staff. Under the proposed plan, SRC would maintain a cooperative and helpful relationship with the state organizations but it would undertake itself a number of functions that are now performed either sketchily or not at all.

Such a reorientation would be best accomplished if the current grant period ending September 30, 1957, were completed according to the terms originally set in 1954. This means that the state organizations would continue to work to become more autonomous, and that their relationship with SRC would thenceforth be one of cooperation between independent organizations of similar purpose and goals. It is intended that in every way practicable there will be a continued close relationship between the SRC and the state organizations particularly in regard to program service, financial grants-in-aid and counsel on fund raising.

Future Financial Aid to State Groups

We recognize that a measure of continuing financial aid from SRC to all or some of the state organizations would be warranted. Therefore, we should undertake to secure funds for this purpose, though the amount procurable would undoubtedly be on a smaller scale than heretofore. Instead of the method of outright subsidy which we have used, the method of assistance would more closely resemble that of grants-in-aid. A state organization would submit its request to SRC, justifying such an allotment on the basis of a proposed program and evidence of organizational

effectiveness

these services available to interested private groups and public bodies concerned with desegregation, the expectation being that such groups would bear the cost of the consultant services to them. In the next phase of the Council's work, broader use of the consultant services deserves high priority. The range of consultants available should be increased to include educators, police officials, public administrators, and others with first-hand experience in integrating communities. SRC's role would be that of "broker" between community leadership and those experts whose counsel would be most helpful. These services should be provided free, if necessary, in those situations which are likely to produce the most effective results.

2) Coordination of Agency Leadership

SRC now has more opportunities than it can grasp to advise and coordinat the leaders of national, Southern, and local groups concerned with race relations. In the coming period, SRC should take the initiative in bringing together such leadership for joint thinking and planning, and in stimulating needed activities. This will take staff time, travel, and resources that have not been available in the past. The arguments for extending this function are very strong. SRC has information and insights that are not available to other agencies and groups, and it commands the respect of a host of such organizations of many different types. The effective mobilization of the religious, labor, civic, and other agencies should be a major part of the desegregation effort.

3) Speakers

Several of the staff members and officers of SRC are now heavily in demand for speaking engagements. In this case too the demand is greater than the supply, and the potential demand is greater yet. Many of these occasions

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are invaluable opportunities to express our general point of view to important segments of the public. In the coming period, we should recognize assistance to groups in securing speakers as an important organizational function. In order to make the best possible use of speakers without unduly diverting from other activities we should systematically draw on our lay leadership. The selection and briefing of persons available for speaking engagements would be a staff function.

4) Free Distribution of Materials

SRC has in the past produced little in the way of free literature. Our budget alone has made it essential for us to sell our materials to interested people and groups, however worthy the use to which they are to be put. We should seek the resources to enable us to distribute without cost literature that will serve a specific, effective purpose and for which no purchasers are available. We do not conceive of broadside or indiscriminate distribution of free literature as a worthwhile method. More strategic uses, however, are often possible but must be forgone because there is no ready way for the cost to be borne from non-SRC sources. It should be noted here that the White Citizens Councils and other resistance groups are making wide-spread distribution of free material, with telling results.

5) Interpretation and Application of Social Science Findings

There is a considerable body of social science findings with positive implications for action in the South today. This knowledge is having little practical effect, mainly because of the communications gulf between academic social scientists and the lay public. SRC is peculiarly well fitted to bridge this gap. Working in collaboration with the social scientists and their professional organizations, we could play a key role in getting their insights interpreted through popular media and brought to bear in local situations.

Our consultant service program is a valuable beginning in this direction, but the precedent needs to be greatly extended and raised to the national level. To carry out this role we must be prepared to expend a substantial amount of staff time and effort, as well as some money.

6) Expanding present functions

Many of the activities now carried on by the central office should be intensified or, if temporary, continued on a regular basis. An outstanding example of this is the work with church women directed by Mrs. M. E. Tilly; the need for more funds and wider impact of this program is already recognized.

Another example of a different sort is the fact-finding program now being carried on under a special nine-months grant from the Fund for the Republic. The results of this program are now coming in and will be aired through SRC publications and general publicity. These findings should serve to shed new light on the nature of the South's problems and promising approaches to their solution. This special fact-gathering and interpretation should be a continuing part of SRC's program.

Additional examples in this category would be intensified work with the press, television, and other mass media; conferences of Southern leadership; and work with the college students and other young people in the region.

7) Finances

It will take much more detailed planning before there can be meaningful estimates of the budget that would be required to carry out a program of the sort here outlined for a three-year period. A rough estimate would be no less than $200,000. annually. In the last fiscal year, SRC raised approximately $60,000. from sources other than the Fund for the Republic. During the coming fiscal year, October 1956 - October 1957, we must exceed our past performance by a goodly margin. If we are successful in raising the larger amount from other sources required for our operation in 1956-57 we believe that the Fund for the Republic will be more receptive to our request for future aid. By the same token, they will probably expect similar performance from us in subsequent years.

These facts, coupled with the resignation of the present Executive Director, make urgent the assumption of greater responsibility for fund-raising by officers and members of the Council.

It is also to be hoped that in financing the Council for a future period it will be possible to secure funds on a flexible basis, and that rigid allocations of funds for pre-determined purposes can be avoided. The situation in the South today is an extremely fluid one, subject to rapid and unpredictable changes. Our program and financing should be readily adaptable to these changes in need that cannot be anticipated far in advance.

Nothing said here is intended to conflict with the Council's wholehearted follow-through of the third and last year of the state organization program, which began October 1, 1956. If this general proposal should be approved, however, it might well be possible in the weeks and months just ahead to begin developing some of the additional functions contemplated and seeking additional financing for them.

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December 10, 1956

Mr. Herbert M. Davidson
Daytona Beach News-Journal
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Herbert:

Here is the letter I sent out on your kind permission of December 7th.

We will hope that some of them turn in helpfully.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 10, 1956

Mr. August B. Meyer
President
Bowater Paper Company, Inc.
250 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Meyer:

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Several of you will know already who and what we are. Here is a leaflet. We do a responsible and an accurate job of helping with race relations in the Southern states.

Like every such organization funds are always the problem. However, the United States Treasury recognizes us as fully tax-exempt. I send an audit for our last fiscal year.

Do make us some contribution if you can.

Most appreciatively,

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Secretary and Treasurer
Ward-Griffith Company, Inc.
247 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

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c/o New Yorker
25 West Forty-Third Street
New York 18, New York

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838 West End Avenue
New York 25, New York

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President and Publisher
Chicago Daily News
Chicago, Illinois

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Mr. William D. King
Chaplain
Alcorn A. & M. College
Lorman, Mississippi

Dear Mr. King:

I have some links with Alcorn myself, and I am deeply appreciative of your kind letter. Indeed, my grandfather at Jonestown managed old Governor Alcorn's plantation; and in this generation Horace Cayton and I wrote a book together, and Horace is grandson to Senator Revels. And I have been at the College, and my friend Harry Wright had a hand in paving that road.

The most we can do is take out $2.00 for your subscription to New South from your kind $5.00. By agreement with our state organizations we do not accept individual memberships from persons in the South; and merely ask our friends to join the various state organizations. But we do take subscriptions to New South directly and most gratefully. So here is $3.00 back.

Maybe you will be kind enough to join the Mississippi Council on Human Relations -- and that is its name -- which has its offices at 1104 Lynch Street, in Jackson.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encl. SRC check for $3.00

December 10, 1956

Mr. Ernst Linde
Governmental Affairs Institute
1726 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Linde:

All straight about the Dupont Plaza Hotel, 12:30 p.m. Friday the 14th.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 10, 1956

Mr. E. G. Francis
Daytona Beach Public Schools
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Mr. Francis:

Dr. Mitchell has asked me to answer your letter concerning source material for program use for your eighth grade class. I am sending one copy of a one act play which we have and can spare. I'm also sending a memo from the American Jewish Committee concerning material for young people. Also included is a brochure concerning materials from the Anti-Defamation League. The ADL especially has some excellent material for young people.

There are some excellent films available in this field which might appeal to junior high school use and ADL has a good collection of these.

If we can be of further aid, please do not hesitate to write.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Information Service

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Encs.

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JC:

This is probably something pretty good.

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Encl. "The Case of the Lively Ghost"
(A Case-Story on Desegregation)
by American Foundation for
Political Education.

December 10, 1956

VIA AIR MAIL

Mr. David Freeman
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
60 East Forty-Second Street
New York 17, New York

Dear David:

Here's a nice little bit of forehandedness which our information and fact-gathering staff put through.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encl. - "Summary of Events Leading
Up to Montgomery, Ala.
Bus Ruling"

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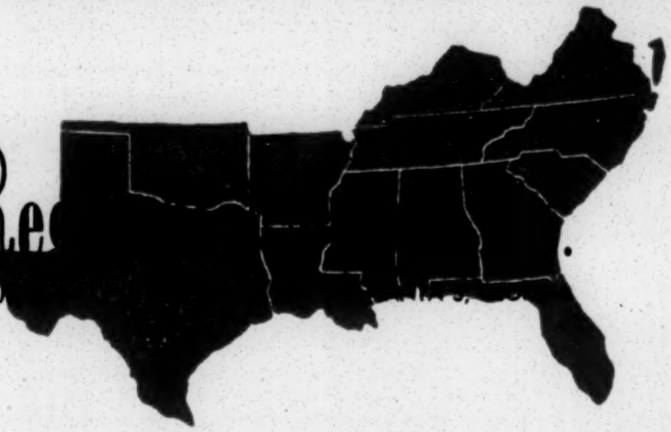

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MEMORANDUM

December 11, 1956

To: Agencies Participating in the Consultative Conference on Desegregation.

From: The Southern Regional Council

Participants in the New York meeting on November 20, 1956 expressed the desire for a conference of Southern field representatives. The objective is to enable Southern staff persons of the several agencies to discuss their respective programs, develop ideas for inter-agency cooperation, and advise their national offices of ways in which the newly formed CCD might facilitate field coordination. Such a meeting has been arranged for January 23-24, 1957 at Atlanta University in Atlanta, Georgia.

This notice is being sent to all the agencies participating in CCD with the request that those which have staff members working in the Southern region notify us as follows:

(a) Whether you will be represented at the January 23-24 meeting.

(b) The name or names of the Southern staff personnel that will attend. (In order to hold the conference to a manageable size we are asking that each agency send no more than two representatives.)

(c) Any suggestions you may wish to offer for the agenda of the conference.

We will send the persons designated a further notice of the meeting, including details of time and place.

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December 11, 1956

To: Agencies represented at the Tuskegee Conference of
October 24-25, 1956.

From: The Southern Regional Council

The attached memorandum is being sent to all agencies participating in the newly formed Consultative Conference on Desegregation.

Most of the agencies taking part in the Tuskegee conference of Fund for the Republic grantees are also participants in the CCD. Thus it is our hope that the January conference described in the attached memo can serve two purposes:

(1) As a meeting of Southern field representatives of CCD agencies, and

(2) As a follow-up of the Tuskegee meeting.

Please note that attendance is limited to two representatives per agency.

Your agency was represented at Tuskegee by ______________________

____.
Please let us know if we may expect the same representatives, or others, on January 23-24, 1957.

GSA:mbo
Enc.

AIRMAIL December 11, 1956

Mr. Stewart G. Cole
347 South Norton Avenue
Los Angeles 5, California

Dear Mr. Cole:

Please forgive this tardy reply to your recent letter. Travel and illness have combined to put my correspondence in sad arrears.

I was happy to get a copy of your vita and to learn that you are thinking of ways in which to bring your experience to bear in the South. There is no doubt that your special skills and background in the intercultural education field could be of great usefulness in this time of transition.

The Southern Regional Council is in something of a transitional phase at the moment, and we will hardly know ourselves where we stand for several months. However, the prospect of our being able to take on additional professional staff is not very bright. We are carrying on a consultant program, available to school and community leadership, which we hope to broaden next year. If this develops as we hope it will, I can readily envisage situations in which we would be most eager for your services on a consultant basis - or perhaps on a temporary project basis. But I can imagine that such a prospect is not of much help to you in planning your next steps.

Regretfully all I can say at the moment is that I will communicate with you again once our staff situation has been clearly defined and that in the meantime I hope you will keep me advised of any change in your location or work.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

December 11, 1956

Dr. G. T. Coleman
200½ W. Houston Avenue
Marshall, Texas

Dear Dr. Coleman:

A mimeographed report on the employment of Negro police through September 1954 is enclosed. No survey as extensive as this has been made since that time. However, Integration North and South lists some of the communities hiring Negro police between May 1954 and May 1956.

You might be interested in some of the comments various police chiefs or city officials have made regarding the employment of Negro police. A list of these comments is enclosed.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant.

FBI:mbe
Enc.

December 11, 1956

Mrs. Muriel C. Crowley
56 Dorman Street
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mrs. Crowley:

Integration North and South lists some of the libraries integrating since May 1954. An earlier study of the Council on library integration is enclosed.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

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December 11, 1956

Mr. Ralph C. Hines
Box 2152
Alumni Memorial Residences
John Hopkins University
Charles & 34th Streets
Baltimore 18, Maryland

Dear Mr. Hines:

One of the best sources of information on school segregation in North Carolina is Southern School News which has been published monthly since September 1954. I am certain that the University and Baltimore public libraries will have complete files of this publication. The Race Relations Law Reporter published by Vanderbilt University School of Law is also an excellent reference.

There has been no public school integration in North Carolina, but some Catholic schools are now biracial. On the college level, Negroes have been or are presently enrolled at the University of North Carolina, North Carolina State College in Raleigh, Woman's College in Greensboro, Sacred Heart Junior College (Catholic) and Belmont Abbey College (Catholic) in Belmont and Warren Wilson Junior College (Presbyterian) Swannanoa.

I am sending you a summary of the Pearsall Plan and other materials under separate cover.

Sincerely,

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December 11, 1956

Mr. R. L. Hunt
Executive Director
Religion and Public Education
257 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Hunt:

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The Catholic Priest added a great deal to our workshop because of what he, himself, had been doing in the South.

I know you would have been interested in the way the women answered each other. One said, "We have no problem in our County for I am Chairman of the School Board and we have equalized the school building and the teachers' salaries." Quick as a flash, a woman answered, "I did not think we were here to find ways of evading the Supreme Court decision, I thought we were here to find ways to aid our Communities in complying with the highest law of the land." Etc.

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I think you will be interested in reading the two worship services in the Workbook. The first by Mrs. Charles Johnson was given to us by a Conference officer of our WSCS and Mrs. J. W. E. Bowen, wife of the Bishop of the Central Jurisdiction. The one by Rabbi Gillelsohn was given to us by a young Jewish woman who is soloist for one of our largest Presbyterian Churches in the city. If you have time, I think you would find something in the way both of the devotional writers use their subjects.

Hoping that next time you may be with us, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

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December 11, 1956

Dr. Lewis M. Killian
Florida State University
Department of Sociology
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Dr. Killian:

I wonder if you would add some comments on the statistical data for the Florida voting study when you answer Mrs. Price's letter of November 13, 1956.

You sent us a sheet on which Florida registrants were divided into "Democrats," "Republicans" and "Other." There was no racial breakdown under "Other." What parties are included in this last group? Would it be safe to assume that only white persons compose this group? If Negroes are indluded in "other," please estimate in what proportion they are included.

In computing the percentage that white and Negro registrants were of eligible voters (based on 1950 population over 21) we found the percentages to be extraordinarily high. In forty-six counties more than 100% of the eligible whites were registered (sometimes 142 to 160%). In all other counties, excepting two, more than 75% of those eligible were registered. Negro ratios never exceeded 100%, but we wonder if they too are inflated. Please tell us if these excessive figures can be attributed to inaccurate records, population growth or some other factor. Would it be possible for you to send us the 1956 population over 21 in each county with a racial breakdown? The 1955 information would be helpful if 1956 is not yet available.

We are anxious to wind up the voting study before the end of the year and hope that we may hear from you at your earliest convenience.

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Mr. J. T. McCain
Associate Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mr. McCain:

I'm enclosing a copy of an article in which Secretary of State Thornton announced a voter registration of 761, 162. This is adjusted downward to 725,000, but even that is far above the 644,000 we get when we add our survey figures for the South Carolina counties.

If questioned, we want to be able to justify our figures or explain any differences from those of other reputable sources. Please tell us howwe could account for this 81,000 difference.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
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December 11, 1956

Miss Esther Stamats
175 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Miss Stamats:

Under separate cover, you will find a Workbook and the gleanings of the Workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned. I am sorry you had to write me for them before I had already mailed them to you, for I most certainly wanted you to have them. We felt that it was a real tragedy that you were not with us. The delay in sending the gleanings has been due, partly, to the fact that immediately following the Workshop I had a hospital experience, and there were other complications that added to the delay.

We had 109 women from the ten southeastern states - Jewish, Catholic, Protestant - and of both races. We did not have as many Negroes as we invited. These poor Negro school teachers in the South are afraid to ask for a leave of absence, and most of the Church leaders are school teachers.

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Your postal card of December 7, 1956 requesting copies of "Next Steps in the South" has the two zeros inked out in the number, and we are not certain whether you want 1, 10, or 100 copies. Will you please let us know the quantity you desire of this pamphlet, and also of "Three Views", and we will be pleased to fill your order.

Thank you,

John Constable,
Information Service

JC:fc

December 11, 1956

Mr. Roy Wilkins
Executive Secretary
National Association for the
   Advancement of Colored People
20 West Fortieth Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Wilkins:

We are still hoping that you will be able to attend this meeting personally. We also will be happy to have Mrs. Ruby Hurley attend if you so desire.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

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1735 Piedmont St.
Jackson, Mississippi

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Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

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December 12, 1956

Mr. Armand Ball
Program Chairman, Northeast
Florida Council on Human Relations
206 Baptist Building
Jacksonville 2, Florida

Dear Mr. Ball:

Thank you for your letter of December 7, 1956. Yes, we can send you a copy of the film "Desegregation in Baltimore" and you will receive it by January 15th. The film is about thirty minutes.

Forms will be included in the film which we wish you would fill out and return after the film is shown.

We would appreciate return of the film immediately after it is shown since we have some requests for February.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Information Service

JC:mbo

December 12, 1956

Mr. W. C. Brooke
Box 208
Staunton, Virginia

Dear Mr. Brooks:

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Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA/eab
Encl.

December 12, 1956

Miss Eleanor G. Coit, Director
American Labor Education Service, Inc.
1776 Broadway
New York 19, N. Y.

Dear Miss Coit:

It is very kind of you to invite me to take part in your annual worker education conference. It will be a pleasure to assist in your workshop on the South.

As Ben Segal may have told you, we expect that Emory Via will be working with us as liaison person with organized labor in the region. If it is possible for him to make the conference too, I would appreciate your extending the invitation to include him.

I will look forward to hearing further from you about the time and details of your program.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

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P. O. Box 867
Columbia, South Carolina

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December 12, 1956

Mr. Robert D. Foster
North Long Beach Methodist Church
5600 Linden Avenue
Long Beach 5, California

Dear Bob:

Thank you for your very nice letter of December 8th and your kind comments about New South. It is certainly good to hear from you again, as I had been wondering how you were getting along since your return to the coast.

We very much appreciate your renewing the subscriptions to New South and the additional one. I am sending you several copies of the religious issue of New South and a copy of Next Steps in the South. There is no charge since your generous check more than covered the cost. I am sorry that we do not have more copies of the October New South to spare. The issue was quite popular and we quickly got down to just a few copies.

Nothing tremendously new about George State College except a suit has been filed by Negro students asking that they be admitted for study. There is another bit of news from the school which might interest you. The boy who was serving as Editor turned out to be quite a little demagogue. He has since been expelled from school on grounds of cutting too many classes, but quite a few teachers, students and just interested people had protested to school officials about his editorials and his plagiarism.

Well, that is about all the news from Atlanta. Hope to hear from you again soon. Best regards to Mrs. Foster.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Managing Editor - New South

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Encs.

December 12, 1956

Rabbi Roland Gittelsohn
Temple Israel
Longwood Avenue at Plymouth
Boston 15, Massachusetts

Dear Rabbi Gittelsohn:

The Workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned - Southern Church women concerned about their South - was held October 30-31, and under separate cover I am mailing you a copy of the workbook and the gleanings.

One hundred nine women were present from the ten southeastern states - Jewish, Catholic, Protestant, and of both races. Your wonderful worship service was given by Mrs. Arthur Whitehill, a young, talented Jewish woman who is soloist in one of our largest Presbyterian Churches here in the city. She had it quite a while and she really felt it herself, and it entered into the hearts of us all.

The State meetings that follow will have somewhat of the same workbook and this worship service will be used in the workshops in the ten states and then by local groups. It is a great contribution to all of us. I wish you might have been with us. These women are very brave - some of them knowing their husband's jobs will be affected - but they try to find a way to lead in spite of it.

Thank you so much for your contribution to the Workshop. It has been a wonderful privilege for me to know you.

With the best of season's greetings, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

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December 12, 1956

Mrs. Charles Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Johnson:

Just before the Workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned opened on October 30, I received your letter telling me you were going into the hospital. I knew then that I would be in the hospital immediately following the Workshop, and this explains my delay in writing you.

Of course, I heard on Sunday over the radio that Dr. Johnson had slipped away. I am sending you a copy of the opening words of our Workshop as taken down in the minutes by Anna Holden, our reporter.

"FIRST SESSION, 10:30 AM, OCTOBER 30. - After opening the session--and the workshop--with the hymn, 'Praise to the Lord Almighty', Mrs. J. W. E. Bowen and Mrs. John Patton read a worship service, 'Worthy of This Calling,' prepared for the group by Mrs. Marie B. Johnson of Fisk University.

"Mrs. M. E. Tilly, workshop chairman, noted that Mrs. Johnson was unable to attend as planned because of the death of her husband, Dr. Charles S. Johnson. In paying tribute to Dr. Johnson, Mrs. Tilly mentioned his continued interest and support of the work of the Fellowship of the Concerned and similar groups, such as those the participants individually represented. Dr. Johnson secured financial assistance to bring this workshop together, Mrs. Tilly stated. Mrs. Johnson wrote Mrs. Tilly she had great difficulty in preparing the worship service, but was finally able to do it and found new spiritual strength in doing so. 'If we follow the path Mrs. Johnson has taken, we will see she has marked the way for all of us,' Mrs. Tilly told the group."

It was very difficult for me to go on with the Workshop for I knew that really the Workshop was a gift of Dr. Johnson. I had called him in New York a few weeks before, and he got the funds from the John H. Whitney Foundation for work for 1957. And his words of encouragement over the phone were my stay.

Your worship service is something that has helped me carry on. It was given for us by Mrs. John Patton, one of our Methodist women, and Mrs. J. W. E. Bowen, and we could not have found two better people to have done it. This worship service will be included in the workbook for all the state workshops that will follow. It was a great contribution to all of us.

I am not sure just where you are now, but I am hoping you are still in Nashville where you have lived so long and have become so much a part of the good things of the city, and where so many people share in your grief as we do here. I wish I knew how I could express to you my deep sympathy.

Lovingly yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

MET:fc

December 12, 1956

Rev. LeRoy King
National Conference of Methodist Youth
P. O. Box 871
Nashville 2, Tennessee

Dear Rev. King:

I regret so much that I have been out of town during the meetings of the Atlanta Interracial Witness Mission. I certainly am more than interested, and assure you that I will do anything in my power to promote it and stand by it.

I think you will be interested in the Workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned - Church women concerned about their South, which was held here October 30-31st. There were 109 women from the ten southeastern states - Catholic, Protestant, and Jews, and of both races.

I am sending you the workbook used at the workshop, and also the gleanings.

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

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December 12, 1956

Dr. Malcolm P. Calhoun
Board of Church Extension
Presbyterian Church in the U. S.
341-B Ponce de Leon Avenue, N/E
Atlanta 8, Georgia

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Candler School of Theology
Emory University
Emory University, Georgia

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150 5th Avenue
New York 11, New York

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Mrs. Murdoch MacLeod
General Director
United Church Women
175 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mrs. MacLeod:

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Mr. Frank Loescher
414 S. 45th St.
Philadelphia, Pa.

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Miss Georgene Lovecky
John Hay Whitney Foundation
630 Fifth Avenue
New York 20, New York

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Mr. Frank C. Loescher
The Fund for the Republic Inc.
60 East 42nd Street
New York, New York

Dear Frank:

I don't think I sent you a copy of the enclosed memo on economic pressure and reprisals. We compiled this mainly for the information of Fred Fuges and Bem Price, but it has auxiliary uses as a general picture of the situation.

Also enclosed is a copy of the piece that Bem Price did on the social scientists - release date not yet known, though it will probably be soon. As you will see, the language is informal and highly charged and will probably rattle the daylights out of a lot of people, but maybe that is good. Please keep this advance copy close to your chest until the story appears.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

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December 12, 1956

Mrs. R. S. Lyells, Executive Director
Mississippi Council on Human Relations
1104 Lynch Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Ruby:

Thanks for your letter about the economic reprisals. I should have made it clear we did not necessarily need the names of persons who have had difficulties, since we are trying to document the general picture rather than to learn the identities of particular individuals involved.

We should still be glad to have the facts on the cases you mention, devoid of names or other identification.

Could you also give us some details of Mrs. Jefferson's plight. How clearly can she establish the cause of her dismissal? Has she been subjected to other embarrassment because of her voting activities? You can be sure that we will keep this matter entirely confidential.

With best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

December 12, 1956

Mr. George McMillan
Box 299
Aiken, South Carolina

Dear George:

I would have written before now to thank you for your very valuable advice, but I took sick shortly after you were here and I am still only partly functioning.

Your memo on the Montgomery background is an extremely helpful follow-up. Our summary waw a jumped-up affair. We got several requests for this kind of information last Friday. Then John Constable knocked out the memo and got it mimeographed and mailed all within about an hour's time. Questionable haste. But the point is that your critique gave us a solid basis for a lengthy post-mortem this morning. Whatever we do in this vein from now on will be much better for your suggestions. The decision on announcing a service will have to await a clearer organizational picture here. Meanwhile, if we have anything that we think is needed, we will put it out. When and if the time for announcement comes, we can pick it up with the editors as something we have been doing on an exploratory basis.

I'm enclosing a consultant fee for all your time and effort. I hope I can tap you for advice from time to time as we move ahead.

Best,

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P.S. John Bartlow Martin spent several days with us and has been in close touch since. His series should be something pretty good.

December 12, 1956

Mr. Alexander Miller
Anti-Defamation League
515 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Alex:

Under separate cover I am mailing you a copy of the workbook and a gleanings from the workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned, held October 30-31st. I hope you will have time to read it. I longed for you all during the meeting, but Art is a great leader and filled your place in a marvelous way.

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I think you will enjoy reading the treatment of the 10 Commandments given in the workbook written by Rabbi Gillelsohn.

Of course, the Workshop is to be followed by state meetings.

Can you find me some money? All my funds are now exhausted. Don't forget us down here.

With the best of wishes to you, Mrs. Miller, and the children, from

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

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Dr. Willa Player
President Bennett College
Greensboro, N. C.

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AIRMAIL December 12, 1956

Mr. Edward Reed
The Fund for the Republic Inc.
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Ed:

Thanks for letting me see the bound pages of America's Tenth Man. It is a very impressive job.

Its greatest value, of course, is as a reference book, particularly for use by school children and young people of both races. That would suggest school and public libraries and perhaps youth centers of various kinds as the logical repositories. Organisations like the Council and the state affiliates could also use copies for reference and display purposes - though not, I think, in any large quantities. If you decide to distribute it and we can help with Southern libraries or otherwise, we would like to.

Best,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

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Mr. Paul Sifton
Walker Building
734 15th Street, N. W.
Washington 5, D. C.

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But my how I do need money to follow this up with a meeting in every state which must be done.

With the best of the season's greetings to you and Mrs. Sifton and the boys, I remain

Sincerely yours,

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Miss Florence Teague
General Board of Education
P. O. Box 871
Nashville 2, Tennessee

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R. F. D.
Lewisburg, Tennessee

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Route # 3
Laurens, S. C.

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Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, N. C.

Dear Mr. Wright:

This is to acknowledge with thanks your note about the teacher of Spanish at Maryville College. We will add this to our follow-up to the integration survey, and will welcome any further such items as you may come across.

It was good to talk with you, though briefly, the other night. I hope we will have the opportunity for conversation soon.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

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Mr. Whitney Young, Sr.
Lincoln Institute
Lincoln Ridge, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Young:

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Mr. Morris Abram
Healey Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Morris:

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I am always so deep in debt to you, I am at lost to find words to express the thanks I have in my heart for all you do, not only for me but for our state.

W With best wishes to you, Jane, and the children, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

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December 13, 1956

Mr. Arnold Aronson
9 East 38th Street
New York 16, New York

Dear Arnie:

This is in reply to your memo of December 5th. Following the numbered paragraphs:

1. Our executive committee will probably meet sometime in January, at which time approval will be sought for Southern Regional Council's participation in CCD.

2. We have circularized CCD agencies re the January 23-24 conference of Southern field representatives. A copy of the memo has been mailed to you separately.

3. For the time being, continue to designate me for mass media and fact-finding.

4. The only other subcommittee on which SRC needs representation is "local community organizations." Fred Routh should be the man.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Encs.
P. S. George Mitchell has suggested that I send you the enclosed revised list of our state affiliates.

December 13, 1956

Mrs. J. W. E. Bowen
1197 Fountain Drive, S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Bowen:

Under separate cover we are sending to you the gleanings of the Workshop, and with it goes my heart-felt thanks for the splendid job you did in giving Mrs. Johnson's worship service.

With the best of season's greetings to you and the Bishop, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

MET:fc

12/13/56

Mr. John Hope II
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear John:

We are enclosing memoranda which which we have sent out relative to a follow-up meeting of the group which met at Tuskegee, plus other agencies participating in the CCD.

We are hoping that you can make plans to attend this meeting.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

Enclosure
GSA/bsc

December 13, 1956

Mr. Arthur Levin
Kemper Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Art:

At last we are mailing you the gleanings of the Workshop, and with it goes my heart-felt gratitude for your great part in the Workshop.

With sincere thanks, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

MET:fc

December 13, 1956

Dr. Harrison McMains
167 Walton Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. McMains:

Thank you so much for coming to be with us in the Workshop and giving the greetings from the Christian Council.

Under separate cover we are mailing you the gleanings of the workshop.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

MET:fc

December 13, 1956

Mr. C. H. Parrish
926 South Sixth Street
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear C.H.,

We are enclosing memoranda which we have sent out relative to a follow-up meeting of the group which met at Tuskegee, plus other agencies participating in the CCD.

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Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

Enclosure
GSA/bsc

December 13, 1956

Mrs. Arthur Whitehill
3756 Powers Ferry Road
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Whitehill:

At last we are mailing you the gleanings of the Workshop. I suppose they told you that I had a hospital experience and a difficult time with my foot since then.

I am deeply gratified to you for the part you played in the Workshop. I have just written Rabbi Gillelsohn and told him that you so thoroughly entered into his worship service, that you made it sink deep into our hearts.

With a deep sense of gratitude to you, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

MET:fc

December 13, 1956

Miss Thelma Stevens
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Thelma:

We are sending you under separate cover the gleanings, and with it goes a heart full of thanks for your great help and support in the Workshop.

May this Christmas be a glorious occasion for you.

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

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December 14, 1956

Mr. Benjamin Muse
Manassas, Virginia

Dear Mr. Muse:

Apparently the separation of boys and girls in the public schools is not too widespread at the present time. I've inquired in several areas, but could get little information on this.

There was never the separation of Negro boys and girls in Macon, and I understand that the pattern is soon to be broken for white students. A high school is under construction in a newly developed area and it will be coeducational. Louisville has a "Male High School" but both girls and boys attend. White boys and girls were once separated in Louisville, but this pattern has been abandoned there also.

I am enclosing an announcement of the survey which was referred to in an earlier letter.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

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December 14, 1956

Mr. James T. McCain, Asso. Dir.
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Jim:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter from Fred Fuges which we received today.

It was my understanding from your letter that the cases you mentioned were appropriated rights of conscience cases. I believe Mr. Fuges must have gotten the wrong interpretation of your comments. If these people to whom you referred do need help because of the stands they have taken, I think it would be well if you prepared a more detailed report and sent it directly to Fuges. I feel sure you would find him receptive.

Respectfully yours,

Paul Anthony,
Information Service

PA:fc
Encl.

December 14, 1956

Dr. Benjamin E. Mays
President
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mays:

We want to thank you for cooperating with the Council in sponsoring the dinner at Atlanta University to honor Mr. Leonard Haas.

You will recall that each participant was requested to contribute $2.00 for the cost of his dinner. We would appreciate your sending a check to the Council for this amount.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA/bsc

December 14, 1956

Mr. Galen Martin, Executive Director
Kentucky Council on Human Relations, Inc.
208 West Main Street
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Galen:

Thanks for the copy of your excellent report on nurse training and for the newspaper clippings. This is the kind of thing that puts an organization on the map.

Don't worry about confusion in newspaper stories. The main thing is to get them and to get your name spelled right.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbe

December 14, 1956

Mr. Frank Loescher
Fund for the Republic
60 East 42nd Street
New York, New York

Dear Frank:

We are taking steps to get hold of the Scientific American.

I was also glad to get the description of the proposed apprenticeship program. We will be thinking hard about possible sources for matching funds.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

December 14, 1956

Dr. Theodore Leskes
American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Ted:

It surely was good to see you at the NAIRO Conference, and I believe that the report of the Commission on Civil Rights was the best of the lot.

Thank you for sending me the fifteen copies of Jules Cohn's paper on tax exemption and private group relations agencies. We will make very good use of it.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh,
Assistant Director

FBR:fc

December 14, 1956

Mr. Fred K. Hoehler
120 S. LaSalle Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Mr. Hoehler:

At the suggestion of Miss Katharine Taylor, I send you the enclosed leaflets describing the origin and activities of the Southern Regional Council.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Encs.

December 14, 1956

Mr. Philip Hammer
70 Fairlie Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Hammer:

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Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA/osc

December 14, 1956

Mrs. Gilbert Harrison
3556 Macomb Street N. W.
Washington 16, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Harrison:

I've just had a letter from Miss Katharine Taylor in which she suggests that we send you the enclosed leaflets. She also conveyed the very welcome news she may be paying us a visit in January or February.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Encs.

December 14, 1956

Mr. Joseph Haas
First National Bank Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Haas:

Enclosed is a copy of the detailed and very interesting analysis of tax exemption to organizations working in the field of intergroup relations. We have read it carefully and thought that it might be a useful addition to your materials on the subject.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Enc.

December 14, 1956

Mrs. Charlotte R. French
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Mrs. French:

Your order of 300 copies of the special report on "Pro-Segregation Groups In the South" has been received, and this is to advise you that this order is forthcoming and should be in your hands in plenty of time.

I hope you will have a wonderful Christmas for you so deserve it.

With deepest appreciation for what you have meant to me through the years, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

MET:fc

December 14, 1956

Mrs. E. P. Faris
265 Ludford Street
Ludlow, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Faris:

I have checked my schedule and find it will be possible for me to be with you the week of March 24 and teach the class on youth. I have never in my life charged an honorarium. As you know, I am a member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and have been a District officer, and know all the problems of finances, so don't worry.

Later on I will send you some assignments so we might have something ready to begin the course without delay. You did not state where the study will be held, and I know you will send me further information.

I appreciate this invitation and assure you I will do my best with the double classes each day. I think you are doing fine to bring in the business women in the Wesleyan Service Guild. I enjoy working with them very much.

With the best of season's greetings to you, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

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December 14, 1956

Dr. Tilman C. Cothran
Department of Sociology
Agricultural, Mechanical & Normal College
Pine Bluff, Arkansas

Dear Dr. Cothran:

Many thanks for your final report on Negro suffrage in Arkansas just received. I am looking forward with anticipation to reading it. Mrs. Margaret Price is currently preparing a region-wide summary report. If there are further questions on which we need your help, you will be hearing from her shortly.

Checks covering the three vouchers you forwarded have been mailed.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Enc.

December 14, 1956

Mr. Robert W. Brown
The Ledger-Enquirer
Columbus, Georgia

Dear Bob:

Thanks for your nice note.

My congratulations equally to you on the two inviting alternatives. My only regret is that either one of them will take you out of Georgia and the South. We need a guy like you in these parts.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

December 14, 1956

Mr. Richard Bentley
120 S. LaSalle Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Mr. Bentley:

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With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbe
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December 14, 1956

Mr. John W. Alexander, Director
School Program
American Friends Service Committee
617 West Market Street
Greensboro, N. C.

Dear John:

Thanks for sending me the minutes of the November 26th meeting. That and the account of your activities in Greensboro sould very promising.

I trust that by now you have had word of the inter-agency meeting we are convening in Atlanta on January 23-24. I hope it will be possible for both you and Tartt to be present.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

December 14, 1956

Mr. Patrick Murphy Malin,
Executive Director
American Civil Liberties Union
170 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Malin:

Your letter of November 28 concerning your trip to the South has been delayed as I have tried to think through what we could do. If I knew your exact dates, I could make it possible for you to speak to a group of church women in Georgia and possibly Alabama, as I am to have workshops in March in both of these states. I suppose you know it's rather difficult just to get up a special meeting when the calendars are so full all the time. It would be most helpful to have you talk on civil liberties in general as we in our workshops spend our time seeking ways to ease the tensions and make it possible for the Supreme Court decision to meet with compliance.

On October 30-31st, I had a southwide meeting of Church women - Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish, and of both races. This type of thing I have been doing for a great many years, as issues would arise in the South. I am enclosing a copy of the gleanings from this workship.

I suppose you know we are having difficult times in the South with our Attorney Generals and our Governors. At the same time, there is a very strong group of people quietly working, and their work is becoming more and more effective.

With the best of season's greetings to you, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

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December 14, 1956

Dr. F. D. Patterson, Director
Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Dr. Patterson:

The postman brought me a letter this morning. It was more than a gift from Santa Claus~~e~~ and it is the first Christmas present I have had, and by far the most desired. In your understanding of what I am trying to do, you have been my Santa Claus~~e~~ for a long time.

I will write a formal letter to the Phelps-Stokes Fund also, but my heart is so full of gratitude that now I will have funds for my state meetings, that I want to let you know how very grateful I am and how very, very happy.

May your Christmas bring you as much joy as the fi gift from the Phelps-Stokes Fund, secured for me by you, is bringing to me.

God bless you, Santa Claus~~e~~!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

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December 14, 1956

Mr. Harry W. Roberts
Department of Sociology
Virginia State College
Petersburg, Virginia

Dear Dr. Roberts:

Thanks for your letter. I have nothing but admiration for the extensive analysis you did over and above the formal requirements of the project.

Mrs. Margaret Price is currently preparing a region-wide report. We should know where we stand on that early next month. Dr. Garnett is perfectly welcome to read a copy of the report you sent to me, but I should hope he would defer any public use of these data until we have determined more definitely exactly what form our own report will take. That should be a matter of a few weeks.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

December 14, 1956

Mrs. James Stokely
405 Clifton Heights
Newport, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Stokely:

We sent you yesterday a couple of items on the pro-segregation groups. The Annals is out-of-date in some respects, but the analysis in it may still be useful.

Attached is a list of persons who could be helpful to you when you visit Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas. Any one of them could direct you to other knowledgeable people.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Enc.

December 14, 1956

Miss Katharine Taylor
41 Hawthorn Street
Cambridge 38, Massachusetts

Dear Miss Taylor:

Thank you for your letter and for the subscription to New South. We are sending the two publications you suggested to Mrs. Harrison, Mr. Bentley and Mr. Hoehler.

I am delighted to learn that you are considering an early trip to Atlanta. The only dates definitely pre-empted for me are the first week in January, January 23-24, and the weekend of February 23rd. Please let me know, even tentatively what dates you may be here and I shall reserve them.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

December 14, 1956

Mr. Dudley Ward
740 Rush Street
Chicago 11, Illinois

Dear Mr. Ward:

Under separate cover I am enclosing a copy of the workbook and the gleanings from the recent Workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned — Southern Church women concerned about their South. We had 109 women from the ten southeastern states, Jewish, Catholic, and Protestant, and of both races.

Dr. A. C. Miller of the Southern Baptist Board was our spiritual leader. Father Shean of the Catholic Committee of the South, Mr. Arthur Levin of the Anti-Defamation League, and Miss Thelma Stevens of New York, were our workshop leaders.

I am glad you are coming to Atlanta to meet with the Methodist group. I am so distressed over the silence of the Church in the South. I wish it might be heroic and lead us in the right way, and surely it could if there was just enough courage.

With the best of wishes to you, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

MET:fc

December 14, 1956

Mr. John K. Weiss
The Fund for the Advancement of Education
655 Madison Avenue
New York 21, N. Y.

Dear John:

I am glad that you have steered Mr. Alexander Brooks to us. We are already favorably acquainted with the work of the Encampment for Citizenship. In fact, last summer the Encampment made a number of scholarships available through us and we found suitable Southern participants, white and Negro.

My elaborate intelligence system has turned up the fact of your new temporary assignment with the State Committee on Interest Rated. Congratulations on this further contribution to the public interest.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

P.S. I am also impressed by the Ford Foundation merger with you. (That is the right way to put it, isn't it?)

December 14, 1956

Mr. Roy Wilkins, Exec. Sect.
NAACP
20 West 40th Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Wilkins:

Your letter with the reprint of the editorials of the Columbus Ledger and Atlanta Constitution came the very day that I entered the hospital for a minor operation, and it came just two days too late for me to have had those copies to have given to 109 women whom I had here in the Workshop. These women - Catholic, Jewish, and Protestant, and of both races, came from the ten southeastern states.

Now I ask for distribution of this reprint. I believe it would be best for me to include it in the material I mail out to the key church women of the South.

In the meantime I am making up for you another list, but when you use this list, I would not like to have it known from whence the names came. These are the people that should have this, but don't know that they should.

To say the least of it, life is certainly not dull in our South, but surely it is the stirring of the muddy waters that will finally clear. For I have a faith in the religious background and religious fervor of this day.

With the best of wishes to you, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

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December 14, 1956

Mr. William K. Williams, Executive Director
Florida Council on Human Relations
324 S. Beach Street
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Bill:

I very much appreciate the invitation to take part in your membership meeting on January 15th. Unfortunately, however, January is an impossible month for me altogether. New duties on top of my existing headaches will rule out any more travel than is already scheduled.

Nothing would suit me better than to be with you and I will hope for a similar invitation after things have settled down a bit.

If you want the SRC represented otherwise, I'm sure we can work it out. As far as we know now, Fred will be available. But you let us know your wishes.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

December 14, 1956

Mr. William K. Williams, Executive Director
Florida Council on Human Relations
324 South Beach Street
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Bill:

We have seen a very small story in some of the Negro newspapers concerning Sheriff Willis McCall in Lake County. The story alleges that Sheriff McCall pistol-whipped a young white woman, and the Miami Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union has asked Governor Leroy Collins to suspend Sheriff McCall. While I was in Clinton, Tennessee last week, a reporter of Time Magazine told me that the girl was being held in jail without bond.

We are wondering what you might know about this case and if there is anything we might do to help get it cleared up.

Please let me know what you have heard and if you have any suggestions.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

John Constable
Information Service

JC:mbo

Mayesville, South Carolina
December 14, 1956

Colonel George Wyse
102 Broad Street
Sumter, South Carolina

Dear George:

As a member of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council, I am deeply interested in the work this organization is doing in the South. Better than any other group, it represents the combined good will of whites and Negroes focused upon the solution of our common problems.

But it needs -- no, the South needs -- the help of every person who truly loves this region and would see it develop the human resources which God has so richly given it.

I think that you would want to help. I am perfectly aware that in our unhappy world good causes are numerous, and that each one has to choose for himself where to put his shoulder to the wheel. I can only say that here is the wheel of our common life sunk in the sand of confusion, and we all pay together for every day it stands motionless.

I shall be happy if you can put your shoulder, with mine, to this wheel. A check will do it.

My kindest regards, and best wishes for Christmas.

Sincerely,

J. M. Dabbs

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Mayesville, South Carolina
December 14, 1956

Mr. J. B. Dick
Frank Clarke Street
Sumter, South Carolina

Dear J. B.:

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Mayesville, South Carolina
December 14, 1956

Mr. L. L. Foster
Foster School of Dance
Green Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Lanneau:

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J. M. Dabbs

Mayesville, South Carolina
December 14, 1956

Mr. Aubrey N. Brown
One North Sixth Street
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Mr. Brown:

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Mayesville, South Carolina
December 14, 1956

Dr. Donald C. Agnew
Oglethorpe,
Georgia

Dear Agnew:

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J. M. Dabbs

Mayesville, South Carolina
December 14, 1956

Dr. Charles A. Sisson
Coker College
Hartsville, South Carolina

Dear Charles:

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J. M. Dabbs

Mayesville, South Carolina
December 14, 1956

Reverend Arthur M. Jones
Methodist Church
Kershaw, South Carolina

Dear Jones:

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Mayesville, South Carolina
December 14, 1956

Dr. H. C. Brearley
George Peabody College
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Brearley:

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Mayesville, South Carolina
December 14, 1956

Mr. David D. Carroll
Bennettsville,
South Carolina

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Mayesville, South Carolina
December 14, 1956

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President
Ccker College
Hartsville, South Carolina

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J. M. Dabbs

December 17, 1956

Mr. W. A. Copeland
136½ South Second Street
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Red:

I do greatly thank you for responding to Paul's appeal.

Odd business about me: You know I move soon to Scotland. In the remotest Highlands. Before you come ask somebody where I am, and please the Copelands come and stay at the Mitchells' motel next door and mainly free.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encl. SRC Official receipt $5.00

12/17/56

FBR:

If you have not supplied copies of the December 10th evaluation business to members of the Executive Committee, I suggest that you so supply one to each of them.

GSM

December 17, 1956

Mr. A. C. Miller
The Christian Life Commission
of the Southern Baptist Convention
161 Eighth Avenue, North
Nashville 3, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Miller:

Perfectly true about Scotland. The Board, when I asked them, said I might cease my job January 15th. They turned the show over to Harold Fleming who will do a better job than ever I did. At 55 I want to knock off and read my books. Have already shipped the books to Scotland. Shall sail myself with wife March 8th.

Nice thing is there will be a two-unit motel next door and the entire personnel of the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention is invited to come and stay at the Mitchell's motel. In the remotest Highlands. Possibly a spot called Applecross. And British taxes forbid me to earn more than $400 a year, so that in the later part of each summer the motel would be free!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 17, 1956

Mr. J. M. Dabbs
Mayesville,
South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

I appreciate you. I hope I appreciate you enough.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 17, 1956

Miss Helen Louise Cohen
94 Oliver Street
Rochester 7, New York

Dear Miss Cohen:

I am so glad the paper did print the letter.

Our policy has been that where charges appeared in disreputable sheets we would ignore them. Tradition enjoins me to regard the News and Courier as a reputable sheet.

We appreciate you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: RHA
FBR
HCF

December 17, 1956

Mr. Edwin G. Kloppe
504 West Twenty-Fourth Street
Austin, Texas

Dear Ed:

In addition to the lesser figures which came through from Mr. Shaw there was a delayed action one, in the person of one of Mr. Shaw's friends who sent in $500! Ever honest as I am, here I send you on your $250.

Good luck!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

December 17, 1956

Mr. and Mrs. John de Menil
3363 San Felipe Road
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. and Mrs. de Menil:

I truly thought that Mr. Shaw and I had lodged in your mind a good case for help to our Southern Regional Council, and that you liked us and would help. So it was a special joy when your most generous check came to us through Mr. Shaw the other day.

We are deeply grateful to the two of you. My link is tenuous, but my daughter's presence in Paris gives me some special feeling of having been at home in your company.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. SRC official receipt $500

cc: Mr Shaw

December 17, 1956

Mr. M. Moran Weston
The National Council
The Protestant Episcopal Church
281 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Moran:

I occasionally constitute myself eyes and ears. You will know by reputation at least of Mr. Charles A. Shaw in Houston. Mr. Shaw is President of the Watchtower Life Insurance Company. I take it he mainly built up this business himself. Has some ten million dollars of investments which Mr. Shaw and his Board manage.

Mr. Shaw has for some years been a member of the Board of the Southern Regional Council. Recently he invited me to Texas and took me about to see three or four of his better-off friends. We asked each of them for money for the Southern Regional Council. The other day there came in a check for $500 from one of these gentlemen — a man in a large way in the oil business! Point about Mr. Shaw is that he is a devoted Episcopal layman. And plainly one esteemed for his wisdom by people in Houston. From conversations with Mr. Shaw I would guess that no small part of his balance has come out of the Church.

When a man does honorable things I like to see honor come to him. It occurred to me that if I wrote you and praised Mr. Shaw there might be some opportunity when, if you and others agree, some honor might come to Mr. Shaw.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 17, 1956

Mr. Charles A. Shaw
President
Watchtower Life Insurance Company
2206 Dowling Street
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Shaw:

I declare you are a good man; and your friends are good men. I have written Mr. de Menil as enclosed.

They telephoned me with this good news when I was in New York on a trip last week. It had crossed my mind to wonder what had happened to our request of Mr. de Menil. Now I know!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 17, 1956

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Blachly
Goddard College
Plainfield, Vermont

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Blachly:

At the joyful time of thy nuptials I asked a friend in South Carolina to send you a barrel of lightwood. The friend delegated it to a lightwood man who flubbed. Then she dug up another lightwood man who has got a barrel ready and is about to send it toward Goddard College.

I trust you know enough about lightwood to bar its use in excess. 'Tis almost explosive!

Warm fires for you both!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 17, 1956

Miss Dorothy Jones
Joynes Hall
Winthrop College
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Dorothy:

Be of good cheer: Harold Fleming takes over and will run it better than I did.

Miss Mary will explain to you that I have these thirty years loaded groaning shelves with heavy economics books; now I take time off to read them.

At 55 can't I?

There will be a two-unit motel next door in the remotest Highlands of Scotland. Can only earn $400 a year without getting hooked in British income taxes. Wherefore, in later summer months of each year the motel is free. Come and stay !

Oddity is we have to sell mighty near everything because it costs $2.50 a cubic foot to ship stuff to 'yon side. So the back-ups of thirty years are sold for 10¢ and 20¢.

Affectionately,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

12/17/56

Emory Via:

On one occasion lately you kindly supplied me with a telephone number for "Cary" Haigler. Actually the man's name is Carey Haigler.

GSM

December 17, 1956

Mr. Carey Haigler
1106-10 Independence Building
Charlotte 2, North Carolina

Dear Carey:

I do thank you.

And you are very apt to find Alice and I at your door.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

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December 18, 1956

A I R M A I L

Mr. Paul Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond 22, Virginia

Dear Paul:

I await with some need for speed the name of the fourth person elected to the Board at Williamsburg November 14th. You will recall that you were to consult about and let us know. The Committee had brought in Father Burke, but it was agreed that the final nomination would be deferred to you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 18, 1956

Mrs. Grace Towns Hamilton
The Atlanta Urban League
239 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Grace:

The Board meeting at Williamsburg November 14th, did themselves the honor of electing you back on the Board of the Southern Regional Council. I don't have to write you all the long letter about what the Board is. Do please say you will serve. We all want you a lot.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
encl.

December 18, 1956

Mr. Charles F. Steele
Louisville Urban League
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Charlie:

The Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council met at Williamsburg in Virginia November 14th, and did themselves the honor of electing you to be on the Board. There weren't but four vacancies and they elected you and Mr. Davidson from Louisville and Grace Hamilton and a priest. So the Urban League got two and Louisville got two.

The Board only meets once a year. It is the main policy setting body for the whole show. I confess that there is an Executive Committee that runs the staff between Board meetings; but the Board is the real thing. So far, with one sad exception, we have always found the money to pay for the Board members to get to the meeting. I send you a list of everybody else on the Board.

This is a distinguished company of thoughtful people and I hope you will be a good egg and come along and join them.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

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Daily file, 1956

December 18, 1956

Mr. Philip G. Davidson
President
University of Louisville
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Davidson:

I have the honor to notify you of your election to the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council. The Board met November 14, 1956, at Williamsburg. They had only four vacancies and honored Louisville with elections to two of those places. One was to be you and one to be Mr. Steele.

Here is a list of the present membership of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council. They are a distinguished company of thoughtful Southern people.

The Board meets once a year and is the final policy making body of the Council. As a matter of fact it is the Council. SRC has no members except its Board members; and a main function in the last some years has been assistance to the state organizations, which do have direct memberships. But the Council continues to have a broad and active policy role for the whole South.

It has customarily been possible for the show to cover the expenses of members to come to the annual meeting. The Executive Committee meets quarterly and thus the burden of intimate supervision of the Council staff falls upon it. It is composed of the officers of the Council plus the following elected members:

B. R. Brazeal
Paul Christopher
Rufus E. Clement
J. M. Dabbs
John A. Griffin
Joseph F. Haas - Counsel
Duncan Hunter
Harry V. Richardson
Maurice V. Shean
Carter Wesley
Josephine Wilkins

The other two nominees were Mrs. Grace Towns Hamilton of the Atlanta Urban League and a priest at Albany, Georgia.

Do consult about and learn what you will of the Council and let us know whether you find it possible to be on our Board. We all greatly hope that you will be.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

December 19, 1956

Dr. J. M. Richards
Columbia Theological Seminary
Decatur, Georgia

Dear Dr. Richards:

System, red tape; efficiency!

Our streamlined By-Laws now provide that each outgoing Nominating Committee shall nominate three persons to the Nominating Committee for the coming year. The Nominating Committee gets completed by two appointments to it made at the instance of the Executive Committee.

I hope you can accept the chore of membership on this Nominating Committee, which the Board of the Southern Regional Council at their meeting at Williamsburg, November 14, 1956, elected you to. The other two elected were President Mays at Morehouse College and Dean Gomillion at Tuskegee Institute. I think it is of real importance for you to serve in this helpful way if you will.

The Nominating Committee has only the duty of meeting something more than a month before the 1957 Board meeting. It always meets in Atlanta. And it selects appropriate persons to be on the Board of Directors, to be officers of the Council, to be the Executive Committee, and to be on the new Nominating Committee. No great burden; it does however take most of an afternoon.

You have been generous of your time in this cause in the past. I am reluctant to ask you for more. But I think your wisdom ought to be tapped this time.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 20, 1956

Mr. Benjamin Segal
Trade Union Consultant
The Fund for the Republic
60 East 42nd Street
New York, New York

Dear Ben:

By all means, let us agree explicitly that Emory Via's program and overall activities will be worked out in full consultation with you. This should be considered a supplement to my letter of December 7.

Merry Christmas to you and your family,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director

HCF:fc

December 20, 1956

Mr. Reed Sarratt
Executive Editor
Piedmont Publishing Company
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Dear Reed:

I greatly appreciate your kind note. There's no one whose good wishes are more welcome.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Executive Director

HCF:fc

December 20, 1956

M E M O R A N D U M

HCF:

I have dictated letters outgoing to each of the church bodies which have customarily helped us except the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Methodist Church. ~~which~~ Mrs. Tilly has and will conduct all correspondence with them.

I wrote the Board of Education of the Methodist Church in Nashville and the Board of Home Missions of the Methodist Church which hangs out in Philadelphia, and the Protestant Episcopals, and the Northern Presbyterians and the Southern Presbyterians.

And Mrs. Tilly will write to the Woman's Division. Altogether this is about $4,000.

In each case it will come grinding through without further action from you.

Exception: Malcolm Calhoun of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S., Board of Church Extension. I merely wrote them and asked Malcolm to be sure we got into the budget. If along about June, 1957 you will write Malcolm Calhoun and express a hope that at an appropriate time the 1957 aid to SRC, if budgeted, can be forthcoming, then pronto if budgeted t'will be forthcoming.

George S. Mitchell

December 20, 1956

Mr. John Rose
Keep American Beautiful, Inc.
99 Park Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Rose:

I am near to moving to the remotest Highlands of Scotland. The remaining asset of those parts is tourism. Much threatened with litter on the mountaintops. I stopped in at the National Park Service in Washington and saw one of your friends there, who was sound and helpful on what one does to diminish litter. Inter alia, he said write you, and you would send me the dope on how to make Scotsmen behave.

I ask no comprehensive recipe, but would cherish advice, printed or spelt out.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 20, 1956

Mrs. Edna A. Merson
410 East Fifty-Seventh Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Mrs. Merson:

We are grateful for the good five dollars; which is needed. But I am forgetful about you. When Christmas clears up please tell me about you. Lighter scratches at our files are unrevealing. I expect you and I did a speech together somewhere; remind me, and I'll remember.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. SRC Official Receipt $5.00

12/20/56

HCF:

In accordance with the elections at the Williamsburg meeting November 14th, I have requested to serve on our Board Davidson at Louisville, Steele at Louisville, and Grace T. Hamilton in Atlanta.

I have also asked Richards in Decatur, Benny Mays in Atlanta, and Dean Gomillion at Tuskegee to be on our next year's Nominating Committee. I have not reached Paul Williams by phone, but I have written to ask him to tell me quicko whom we are to invite in Paul's interest.

Assuming that responses from these persons are available by or before January 15th, I will wrap up this election business. And Mrs. Brantley has a tickler to remind me of any scraps of it which may be hanging over for you January 16th.

GSM

December 20, 1956

Mr. C. G. Gomillion
Dean of Students
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Mr. Gomillion:

These days we are so efficient that the Board at its annual meeting picks a Nominating Committee against the next year's annual meeting!

The Williamsburg meeting on November 14th elected to the Nominating Committee Mr. Richards at the Seminary in Decatur, Mr. Mays, and Mr. Gomillion. These three get two more added to them by appointment of the Executive Committee. And the five man Nominating Committee has to meet a month ahead of the 1957 Board meeting and pick some new directors and officers and Executive Committee members, etc.

'Tis no terrible burden, but it does take most of an afternoon.

You would help us all greatly if you would be so kind as to serve.

I have become almost too accustomed to leaning upon your sincerity. You have latitude to duck this one; but please don't.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 20, 1956

Mr. Benjamin E. Mays
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mays:

Added small burden, please, to ask of you.

You got elected to the Nominating Committee of the Southern Regional Council. The Board met November 14th at Williamsburg and so elected you. The other two elected were Richards at the Seminary in Decatur and Mr. Gomillion at Tuskegee. That makes three elected by the Board. The Executive Committee names two. And that completes a Nominating Committee of five.

The Nominating Committee only has to do one thing. She meets (as you have cause to know) better than a month before the 1957 Board meeting and picks the people to be up for election to the Board and as officers and to the Executive Committee, etc. This is no great burden but it does take the better part of an afternoon.

You have served most skillfully on this in the past and while it is a good deal to ask, I do earnestly ask you to take on the job this year.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 20, 1956

Mr. Malcolm Ross
Miami University
Coral Gables, Florida

Dear Mike:

This guy was an exceptionally popular teacher at Columbia in my time, which is some time back. Observe what the College paper says in re.

Man wrote me and said he has life in him yet, and would like to teach a couple of years more. Any interest at the U. of M? If so, start it. If none skip it.

Best,

G.

Me, I'm off to Scotland. Sail March 8th. Shall have two-unit motel next door, and all Rosses and all rest of U.M. should show.

GSM/eab

December 20, 1956

Miss Georgene B. Lovecky
John Hay Whitney Foundation
630 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Gene:

This is a good guy. Wrote me that he wants to teach a year or so more. Needs the dough. Russian, not white, not red; maybe was a mild socialist in old days? But just a heck of a popular teacher. Always was.

Try him out for the old Geezers' program. If no go, no go. If go, tell him so, not me.

You know I'm bound out. Sail March 8th. Hope to see you in New York before I go; meanwhile if you can stop this-aways, pleasem'm do.

Best,

George S. Mitchell

GSM/eab
Encl.

December 20, 1956

Mr. Hodding Carter
Delta Democrat-Times
Greenville, Mississippi

Dear Hodding:

I wrote Father Sheridan at once, and cited some five or six authorities on these matters from among the Jesuit Order, here at home. We sent him:

New South for 1955 and 1956 (all issues)
Changing Patterns
Three Views of the Segregation Decisions
New South, Oct-Nov. '53 (Negro Family Income in the Southern States)
Integration North and South
Southern School News, November and December, '56

The pamphlet material, shaved for a lump purchase, came to $4.95; and the postage to $4.29, so when there is a likely time for Mlle. thy secretary to get you to write a check, we will be grateful. But we would willingly bear the cost, as appreciation for you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 20, 1956

Mr. Emanuel Muravchik
Jewish Labor Committee
25 East 78th Street
New York 21, New York

Dear Manny:

George Mitchell has passed on to me your letter of December 12.

By now you will have received our memo to all the CCD agencies. By all means consider yourself Southern staff and come ahead! We'll send you a follow-up shortly on details of time and place.

Emory Via starts with us next month.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director

HCF:fc

December 20, 1956

Mr. Courtney Siceloff
Penn Community Services, Incorporated
St. Helena Island
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Courtney:

Thanks for your letter and the kind words about the integration booklet.

You will be getting a note -- if you haven't already -- from Florence Irving concerning the South Carolina agencies you're interested in.

Feel free to call on us for a repeat on the letter duplications.

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to you and Lib.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director

HCF:fc

December 20, 1956

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
The S. C. Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, S. C.

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

It's good to know that the newly adopted policy memo is in harmony with your own recent thinking on strategy. Unfortunately, we didn't have enough to supply the 50 copies, but 25 have been mailed. I know you will be at pains to see that they remain "in the family", and that none of them fall into the wrong hands.

We'd like to be represented at your next strategy committee meeting. I will write you further about that, if I may, a little later.

I deeply appreciate your kind words about the new job. I hope I can live up to them.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director

HCF:fc

December 20, 1956

Mr. Val J. Washington
Republican National Committee
1625 I Street, Northwest
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Washington:

You were high on our list to receive a copy of the integration report, with an expression of thanks for your assistance. I am sorry that the mailing evidently miscarried.

I am sending a copy separately with my best wishes.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Executive Director

HCF:fc

December 21, 1956

Mr. David J. McDonald
United Steelworkers of America
AFL-CIO
1500 Commonwealth Building
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. McDonald:

Along about now each year I write in to ask that the Steelworkers in the coming calendar year be so good as to send us again their life-giving thousand dollars.

You have no idea what a boon it is to have that strong and flexible support from the Steelworkers. Other sums one can beg, but most who will give say, "We will give, but with every penny of what we give you must sprout a blossom in the direction of such-and-such." Whereas what we need is water to our withered stem! And the Steelworkers pour on a great bucketful, and we are revived.

I am sure Lorne Nelles will speak well of us, and among others Charlie Matthias and R. E. Starnes. And we are still enjoying the glow of warmth from Bill Crawford.

Here is an audit for our queer fiscal year, which ended September 30, 1956.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

December 26, 1956

Mr. Kenneth Holbert
2531 Forest Avenue
Dallas 15, Texas

Dear Ken:

That is extremely good news and I warmly congratulate you on the skill which put it through. At the moment Texas and Kentucky are the two whose state organizations have achieved approval for tax-exemption by the appropriate district directors. We will be hopeful that others will similarly succeed.

You will have heard by now that on January 15th I turn over my job to Harold Fleming and get myself ready to move to Scotland and read my books. I will have a guest house next door and you and Mrs. Holbert are please to stay with us whenever you can get on that side of the water.

Fred was pleased to know about your help to his friend.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

bc: Mr. Edwin G. Kloppe

December 26, 1956

Mr. Edwin G. Kloppe
504 West Twenty-Fourth Street
Austin, Texas

Dear Ed:

Holbert's letter of December 20th was mighty good news, and I have answered it as enclosed.

We would like to have for our files a copy of the original letter from the District Collector of the Internal Revenue Service to Dr. Kilgore. Please lay fingers on it and send us a copy. No need for a photostating job: just a typed copy.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

December 26, 1956

Mrs. Cary Robertson
Anchorage,
Kentucky

Dear Priscilla:

I sent a copy of your maggie to Congressman Brooks Hays, and he handed it on to the Washington man for the Arkansas Gazette (Little Rock), and the Gazette turned it into an editorial article.

So the maggie moves along.

Pressed by various ones here I have written out some final advice to the South and today submitted it, as urged by my own people, to the New York Times Magazine. We all hope they will take it. If they won't it may come out in the end as something your maggie would like; but for the moment I am not in the business of promising writings. I am packing house!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 26, 1956

The Honorable Brooks Hays
Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Brooks:

That was very nice of the Arkansas Gazette, and I appreciate it.

I still tremble in hopes that Arkansas will do what it should. It is not going to be any one man that will lead us through: it will be a state.

Notable quotation from the man Carmichael who put together the schools at Louisville, Kentucky. He was on a national television hook-up a couple of months ago, and one of the reporters baited him saying, "Mr. Carmichael, in a half-Western city like Louisville it could be done, but in a city like Richmond, Virginia, you wouldn't suppose that it could, could it?" Carmichael: "The trouble with Richmond was that leadership failed the city.

We will be going through Washington toward the Scotland boat along about March the second or third, and you and Mrs. Hays are very apt to receive a farewell telephone call from the Mitchells.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 26, 1956

Mr. Cab~~b~~ell Phillips
New York Times
1701 "K" Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Cab~~b~~ell:

Here's my will and testament.

Those hereabouts who are regardful of such things as the New York Times' Style Manual tell me that my clipped telegraphic sentences will have trouble with your rewrite people. The difficulty is that that is the way I write, and if you pull out a brick you tumble the house.

Nevertheless, I give you and your minions a freest hand to do anything you will. Change not the sense much; but jimmy the bricks to suit.

And if the whole thing is no show, say so.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

December 26, 1956

Mr. John H. Wheeler
Mechanics and Farmers Bank
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

If I had my ruthers the world would be made up of people like John H. Wheeler!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls. SRC official receipts

$50 - Mr. Wheeler
$50 - Mechanics & Farmers Bank

December 26, 1956

Mrs. Rosalind Lawson
Droskyn
Victoria Road
Sidmouth
S. Devon, England

Dear Mrs. Lawson,

We all enjoyed and were grateful for your pretty card. A glimpse of a special world of beauty.

Here I come, sailing March 8, in the Saxonia, for Liverpool. Train thence to Inverness. Thereafter, casting about for a croft, perhaps near Applecross.

If the Lawsons get to Scotland, come to see us. And the Mitchells are unlikely in S. Devon, but it could happen.

Cordially,

George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director

GSM:fc

December 26, 1956

Rev. Colbert S. Cartwright
Pulaski Heights Christian Church
Hillcrest and Spruce
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Bert:

Thank you for your letter of December 19, 1956, and the list of publications for New South subscriptions. You did a very good job and we do appreciate it. We are checking the list, and all those publications you listed which do not get New South already will begin getting it with the next issue. You are quite right about sending it to some of the publications in the North which have influence over southern subscribers.

Again, thanks. We trust you had a nice holiday and extend our best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely,

John Constable,
Managing Editor, New South

JC:fc

December 26, 1956

Reverend William T. Scott
The Congregational Christian Church
West Main at Gregson Street
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Bill Scott:

I will arrive in Charlotte on E.A.L. Flight 582, Friday, the 28th at 9:30. I will return to Atlanta Saturday, December 29, E.A.L. Flight 509, leaving Charlotte at 7 o'clock P.M.

Trust we can make connections.

Best regards,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

cc: Reverend William T. Scott
c/o United Student Christian Council Southeast Conference
Davidson College
Charlotte, N.C.

December 26, 1956

Mr. William K. Williams, Executive Director
Florida Council on Human Relations
324 South Beach Street
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Bill:

We have received and read with interest the Florida Council Newsletter, Volum~~n~~e 2, No. 1, and think it a job well done.

One small correction, however. In the photostatic reproduction of the advice of the mayor of Clinton under the section, "What they Say About S.R.C.," you quote Ralph McGill as saying "...It has no racial tinge..." (see enclosure). Actually, the word should be "radical." Otherwise, well done, nice job!

I will be at Florida Council's annual meeting as you requested.

Best regards to you and Howard.

Cordially,

F.B.R.

FBR:mm
enclosure

December 26, '56

Dear Mr. Cochrane,

Will show, with pleasure and appreciation, January 2.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

December 26, 1956

Mrs. George Dillard
James Blair High School
Williamsburg, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Dillard:

I found your letter in the stack for dispatch of various pamphlets, and pulled it out to answer myself. I'm Richmond, and have a daughter nominally at William and Mary (abroad this year), and I cherish various members of the W. and M. faculty, and wish every success to Williamsburg!

Our best recipe is for a small group of citizens, some white and some Negro, and mostly Church ladies, to meet together several afternoons and dig out the exact local facts about the schools. After some meetings, when people have made friends, a plan of compliance will appear. And a locally acceptable plan plus the pressure of the law will do the needful.

But your problem is things to teach!

I cite our best recommendations, from many that could be found:

Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith (has a Richmond office at 403 East Franklin Street in charge of a good guy named Murray Friedman): The Negro in Postwar America. Costs 25¢

ADL Research Report, from 515 Madison Avenue, New York 22, New York.: Intelligence of the American Negro. 15¢

Public Affairs Pamphlet 244, What's Happening in School Integration? Costs a quarter. Brand new, out within the last few days. Copy herewith.

UNESCO has done a notable series of careful studies of the meaning of race in various things. Write to Columbia University Bookstore, New York City, for a list of them. Best serious way to get at the truth.

We did a good pamphlet (one with blue stripe) herewith.

SRC's Changing Patterns in the New South. Quarter now. One herewith.

We do a good maggie. Some copies herewith. Sub: two bucks a year.

Best,

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

P. S. A Mrs. L. A. Chambers has a probably good new book about to come out from Twayne Publishers, 31 Union Square West, New York 3, New York, called America's Tenth Man. Pix of Negro people achieving.

December 26, 1956

Mr. H. Jac. Rousseau
Professor of Education
University College of Rhodesia & Nyasaland
Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia

Dear Mr. Rousseau:

I remember Mr. Howard most pleasantly, and am glad to hear from him through you.

This Council goes back to 1919, when after some race riots that followed World War I, a wise man (nomine W. W. Alexander) began to do something about getting people together. His show was for many years the Commission on Interracial Cooperation (and in that guise was to a considerable extent the precursor and model of the South African Institute of Race Relations); and then in 1944 became the Southern Regional Council.

The short and simple truth is (whatever the books will say) that there's only one way to do anything about race prejudice. You get people of similar cultural and educational background, of different groups, to work together on a matter of common interest. That does it. Similar background; not necessarily all middle-class, highly educated people -- all right if everybody's a bootback -- just similar. Work together; not talk together. And the prejudice melts.

I have observed a refinement of that process: if the meetings stretch over a goodish while, a few of the persons who have speciality interests sort themselves out by those interests. Thereafter, in all matters of such an interest, peace reigns. If a white person intimately knows a Negro person, and the two of them are interested in drain-pipes, from then on there is no problem in that town about the drain-pipes. Anything wrong with them in one part of town gets discussed with the familiar in the other part; the two call the city hall, and the pipes get unstopped! And so on.

Many devices for getting such joint action. One of the best is for what is called a self-survey. Right way and wrong way. Wrong: form a committee, hire some outsiders to find the facts, pay the outsiders, they find, print, go home! And nothing happens. Right way: pick your local committee with great skill; get the right and the listened-to people; make them dig out the facts themselves; and in a matter of weeks the community blossoms with corrective action. Further step: reconvene the committee every six months; assess, and concentrate forces on the next do-ables. Main gain: you have taught the leadership to work together. I send our best job in this, from Greenville, South Carolina.

A man here knowledgeable in the literature adds matter on what's in print. I have sent what I know works.

Best wishes,

George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director

GSM:fc
Encl.

ORGANIZATIONS & PEOPLE

(1) Anti-Defamation League
B'nai B'rith
515 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

(2) National Conference of Christians & Jews
43 West 57th Street
New York 19, New York

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(3) Dr. H. H. Giles
Center for Human Relations Studies
New York University School of Educatio
Washington Square
New York, New York

(4) Dr. Gordon W. Allport
Harvard University
Cambridge, Mass.

(5) Dr. George Epley
Dept. of Human Relations
Univ. of Miami
Coral Gables 46, Fla.

BOOKS

(1) Myrdal, Gunnar
An American Dilemma
Harper & Bros. 1944, N.Y. - London

(2) Hirsh, Selma
The Fears Men Live By
Harper & Bros. 1955; N.Y.

(3) Hill, E. Greenberg
Citizen's Guide to Desegregation
Beacon Press. 1955, Boston, Mass.

PAMPHLETS

(1) Public Affairs Pamphlets - 25¢ (U.S.)
22 E. 38th Street
New York 16, New York
95 Negro in America
85 Races of Mankind
244 What's Happening in School Integration?

(2) ADL - Freedom Pamphlets - 25¢ (U.S.)
Modern Education & Better Human Relations; Kilpatrick
ABC's of Scapegoating; Allport

(3) Jewish Affairs Pamphlets (ADL) - 25¢ (U.S.)
Action For Unity; Watson

(4) NCCJ's Intergroup Education Pamphlets. - 25¢ (U.S.)
1 Reading in Intergroup Relations; Stoven
2 The Resolution of Intergroup Tensions; Allport
6 Group Processes in Intergroup Education; Grambs
Education in a Transition Community; Grambs

JOURNALS

(1) Phylon, Review of Race & Culture; Atlanta University, Atlanta, Ga. $2.00 (U.S.)

(2) Journal of Negro Education; Howard Univ.; Washington, D.C. $4.00 (U.S.)

December 26, 1956

Mr. George K. Hunton
Catholic Interracial Council
20 Vesey Street
New York 7, New York

Dear George:

I do greatly appreciate your kind note.

Alice and I will be in New York to catch a boat a day or two ahead of the March 8th sailing, and I will telephone you at least.

You have supplied me with some of my most appreciated moments, and I am grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: Haf

December 26, 1956

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Marion:

I have no reason to suppose that Mr. Carter Wesley was anything other than candid in his letter to you of December 20th. Mr. Charles Shaw you may remember. He came to the Williamsburg meeting. Tall, light in color. President of the Watchtower Life Insurance Company in Houston. It wheels wields some ten million dollars of investments. And Mr. Shaw is much respected in the business and civic life of Houston. He happens also to be a devoted Episcopal layman.

He alone among all of the members of the Finance Committee took the matter seriously; fetched me down to Houston; took me out to see five or six of his friends; collected $150 miscellaneously, and from one oil king collected $500 for us. I think he would make you an excellent man.

Of course now that the meeting is over there is no power to elect him to the Board. There is only the reserve formal authorization of power to elect to the Executive Committee. The exact language of the Minutes of the Williamsburg meeting on that point is as follows:

> Vacancies in the Executive Committee shall be filled by the Council or the Executive Committee itself during the interim between Council meetings. All vacancies shall be filled from among members of the Council.

I will take no further steps in this matter and will expect that you will initiate action if any at the late January meeting of the Executive Committee.

Shaw is an elected member of the Board in the group whose term of office expires in 1957.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Mr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

December 27, 1956

Mr. Cabell Phillips
New York Times
1701 "K" Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Cabell:

Here are two paragraphs attempting to respond to your phone call.

I think you could stick 'em in!

If I didn't hit it, call again.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director

GSM;fc
Encl.

You may say that there are some people so bigoted that they will never be persuaded. The best I can answer is, try the droplets on them; they frequently work miracles. But people live who can resist that, or who can't be brought to where the flit is. You just have to out-organize them. Persuade so many people around them that they begin to get the drift of things. If they won't, they'll just have to lash about like the last of the diplodocci. Only I doubt if many people were moved by the final threats of critters obviously doomed.

Also there are timid people, who see what's right but don't want to be the ones to start doing it. Simple remedy is for the school officials to ask them to serve on an official committee on what to do about the schools and the Court. Many who won't come along as a voluntary matter will do their official duty, if asked to. The other thing is for all who love democracy and who have a stake in having it succeed (ministers, mayors, Church lay people, all our local leadership) to begin to point out that this question tests our democracy. If we want democracy, this is the way to keep it. Maybe we'll lose it; but a lot of people would greatly like to keep it. And to keep it we must enlarge it. This is the testing-time of our leadership.

December 27, 1956

Mr. Fred K. Hoehler
120 South LaSalle Street
Room 1865
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Mr. Hoehler:

Very pleasant indeed to find that you were associated with this movement in its early formative years. Nothing could give us more satisfaction than to feel that we have done justice through these rapidly changing times to the original inspiration of Mr. Eagan and Dr. Will.

I hope that sometimes soon we will have a chance to get acquainted.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:fc

December 27, 1956

Mr. Lester J. Waldman
Anti-Defamation League
515 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Lester:

Thanks for all the kind words. They gave my morale a good healthy boost!

Now that the Aaronsburg project is dormant, I hope some new effort will bring us together again. Meanwhile, all good wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director

HCF:fc

December 27, 1956

Mr. Arnold Forster
515 Madison Avenue
Suite 300
New York 22, New York

Dear Arnold:

My warmest thanks for your congratulatory note. I am looking forward to working even more closely with you and the others of the ADL staff. It makes the job seem much less difficult to know that I can count on your support.

With very best wishes for 1957.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director

HCF:fc

December 27, 1956

Mr. Frank S. Loescher
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Frank:

Thanks for your letter. It would suit me fine for you to stay over Thursday, night, January 24th. We have a lot of catching up to do.

Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director

HCF:fc

P.S. Your call just came in, but I am sending the letter for the record anyway.

December 27, 1956

Mrs. Gilbert Harrison
3556 Macomb Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Harrison:

I find that I am to be in Washington Thursday and Friday of next week. On the chance that it might be possible for me to see you, at least briefly, I will call on Thursday morning. If it is not convenient, please don't concern yourself; I will try again on a more carefully planned trip to Washington.

Our best wishes to you and to Mr. Harrison for the New Year.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director

HCF:fc

December 27, 1956

Mr. Milton Vigo
303 Trade of Annex Bldg.
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

What finally happened on the problem of the Human Rights Day observance? I would appreciate a confidential report from you for our information and future guidance.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director

HCF:fc

December 27, 1956

Mr. Tilman C. Cothran
AM&N College
Pine Bluff, Arkansas

Dear Dr. Cothran

Just a word to say that I have read your report on Suffrage in Arkansas and thought it excellently done. It is currently in the hands of Mrs. Margaret Price, who is doing the first draft of our region-wide report. Further questions may arise, in which case you will be hearing from her.

Our appreciation for a job well done and best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming

HCF:fc

n December 27, 1956

Mr. Milton Vigo
303 Board of Trade Annex Bldg.
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

Here comes the matter of an approach to Mr. Edgar Stern for a 1957 contribution to the Southern Regional Council. We customarily write him at about this time, and he has for years sent his three hundred or so to us along in January.

I think the events of last year on this matter were an aberration, and we would like to revert to the older arrangement. Which is that SRC in Atlanta will write Mr. Stern, and ask him to send us three hundred dollars or thereabouts, as a contribution to the effort in the Region as a whole. If at a later date, on behalf of the Louisiana Council on Human Relations, you care to have him approached for a donation to the Louisiana Council on Human Relations nothing to stop you.

I have consulted Harold Fleming on this and this is the way he wishes it handled.

Trust you will be in agreement; my concern is to avoid confusion; and of course SRC needs money (as we are sure you do, too).

I tried on Dec. 26 and 27 to call you to straighten the matter out, but got no response.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director

GSM:fc

December 27, 1956

Miss Lucille A. Chambers
174-15 Murdoch Avenue
St. Albans, L. I.,
New York

Dear Miss Chambers:

Mighty nice to see that the book is this close to being out. I have already been telling people in letters to go buy it, that it will be a honey!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director

GSM:fc

December 27, 1956

Mr. Edwin J. Lukas
The American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Ed:

My apologies for the fact that this letter will deal with several current matters.

First of all, James Rorty's article on John Kasper is extremely illuminating, and I would be grateful for whatever number of reprints you could let us have.

Secondly, I understand that various Agencies are interested in contributing to subscriptions to the Petal Paper. We can supply up to several thousand southern people who would doubtless welcome a gift subscription. I will look forward to hearing further about the development of this idea.

Finally, and least fruitfully, I have had little luck in finding an appropriate Southern social scientist who would be willing and able to undertake the article for the Scientific American. The ones I know of~~f~~ who are definitely qualified are too busy, and there are very few of those. That doesn't mean that there are no candidates--simply that I haven't been able to find them. However, let me advance the thought that it may not make much difference whether the author of this one is Southern or not. After all, it is a scientific question, and it is a fact that most of the work in this field has been done in the North. I wish I could be more helpful on this, for I would like to see the opportunity seized.

With all good wishes for 1957.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:fc

December 27, 1956

Rev. Robert E. Hughes
Room 1218 Comer Bldg.
Birmingham 3, Alabama

Dear Bob:

This is to confirm the request I made by telephone last night that you send us the ~~compli-~~ compi- lation of Church statements on race relations prepared by the Greater Birmingham Council.

There is a lot of interest in these pronouncements. I would be better able to discuss possible publication if I had the manuscript in hand.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director

HCF:fc

December 27, 1956

Mr. John Alexander
American Friends Service Committee
617 West Market Street
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear John:

I am sorry for the mix-up about the projected Atlanta meeting of January 23-24. As a matter of routine, notices of the meeting were sent to the national headquarters of all the Agencies asking them to designate the staff members they wanted to attend; this means that the AFSC notice went to Barbara Moffett. This standard procedure may not have made sense in the case of AFSC.

Anyhow, enclosed are copies of the memos, which I would appreciate your sharing with Tartt. I am counting on at least one of you--and I hope both--being with us. Let us know when you conveniently can.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director

HCF:fc
Encl.

December 28, 1956

Mr. Sterling W. Brown
Natl. Conference of Christians & Jews
43 West 57th Street
New York 19, New York

Dear Mr. Brown:

On December 11th, we sent you a memorandum in regard to a proposed conference of Southern field representatives of CCD agencies and a follow-up of the Tuskegee Meeting. We haven't yet received your reply.

The meeting has been arranged for January 23-24, 1957, at Atlanta University, in Atlanta, Georgia. Please let us know as soon as possible whether or not your agency will send a representative or representatives to this meeting. When we have received the name and address of the person or persons designated by your agency to attend this meeting, we will write them further about it.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant

GSA:fc

December 28, 1956

Miss Esther C. Stamats, Director
Christian Social Relations
United Church Women
175 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Miss Stamats:

On December 11, we sent you a memorandum in regard to a proposed conference of Southern field representatives of CCD agencies and a follow-up of a Tuskegee meeting. We haven't yet received your reply.

The meeting has been arranged for January 23-24, 1957 at Atlanta University in Atlanta, Georgia. Please let us know as soon as possible whether or not your agency will send a representative or representatives to this meeting. When we have received the name and address of the person or persons designated by your agency to attend this meeting, we will write them further about it.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant

GSA:fc

December 28, 1956

Mrs. Frances Cahn, Exec. Dir.
National Council of Jewish Women, Inc.
1 West 47th Street
New York, New York

Dear Mrs. Cahn:

On December 11th, we sent you a memorandum in regard to a proposed conference of Southern field representatives of CCD agencies and a follow-up of a Tuskegee meeting. We haven't yet received your reply.

The meeting has been arranged for January 23-24, 1957 at Atlanta University in Atlanta, Georgia. Please let us know as soon as possible whether or not your agency will send a representative or representatives to this meeting. When we have received the name and address of the person or persons designated by your agency to attend this meeting, we will write them further about it.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant

GSA:fc

December 28, 1956

The Very Rev. Maurice V. Shean, C.O.
Catholic Committee of the South
P. O. Box 895
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Father Shean:

On December 11, we sent you a memorandum in regard to a proposed conference of Southern field representatives of CCD agencies and a follow-up of a Tuskegee Meeting. We haven't heard from you.

The meeting has been arranged for January 23-24, 1957, at Atlanta University in Atlanta, Georgia. Please let us know as soon as possible whether or not your agency will send a representative or representatives to this meeting. When we have received the name and address of the person or persons designated by your agency to attend this meeting, we will write them further about it.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant

GSA:fc

December 28, 1956

Mr. H. B. Sissel, Assoc. Secy.
Board of Christian Education of
the Presbyterian Church, USA
830 Witherspoon Bldg.
Philadelphia 7, Pa.

Dear Mr. Sissel:

On December 11, we sent you a memorandum in regard to a proposed conference of Southern field representatives of CCD agencies and a follow-up of the Tuskegee Meeting. We haven't received your reply.

The meeting has been arranged for January 23-24, 1957 at Atlanta University in Atlanta, Georgia. Please let us know as soon as possible whether or not your agency will send a representative or representatives to this meeting. When we have received the name and address of the person or persons designated by your agency to attend this meeting, we will write them further about it.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant

GSA:fc

December 28, 1956

Mr. Malcolm P. Calhoun, Secretary
Board of Church Extension
Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.
341-B Ponce de Leon Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta8, Georgia

Dear Mr. Calhoun:

On December 11, we sent you a memorandum in regard to a proposed conference of Southern field representatives of CCD agencies and a follow-up of the Tuskegee Meeting. We haven't received your reply.

The meeting has been arranged for January 23-24, 1957 at Atlanta University in Atlanta, Georgia. Please let us know as soon as possible whether or not your agency will send a representative or representatives to this meeting. When we have received the name and address of the person or persons designated by your agency to attend this meeting, we will write them further about it.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant

GSA:fc

December 28, 1956

Miss Barbara W. Moffett, Secy.
Community Relations Program
American Friends Service Committee, Inc.
20 South 12th Street
Philadelphia 7, Pa.

Dear Miss Moffett:

On December 11 we sent you a memorandum in regard to a proposed conference of Southern field representatives of CCD agencies and a follow-up of a Tuskegee Meeting. We haven't received your reply.

The meeting has been arranged for January 23-24, 1957 at Atlanta University, in Atlanta, Georgia. Please let us know as soon as possible whether or not your agency will send a rppresentative or representatives to this meeting. When we have received the name and address of the person or persons designated by your agency to attend this meeting, we will write them further about it.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant

GSA:fc

December 28, 1956

Miss Thelma Stevens, Secy.
Christian Social Relations
Woman's Division of Christian Service
Bd. of Missions, Methodist Church
New York City

Dear Miss Stevens:

We are enclosing a copy of the memorandum which was sent to agencies participating in the newly formed Consultative Conference on Desegregation.

Although the memorandum mentions staff persons, in your case we would welcome any representative you designated.

We would also welcome your attendance at this meeting.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant

GSA:fc
Encl.

December 28, 1956

B. Tartt Bell
American Friends Service Committee
617 West Market Street
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Tartt:

The appointed day is Thursday, February 28th, but it might turn out to be the 29th.

Thank you for the map.

Nobody stay home or do anything queer. But if I am within reach I will show. At an appropriate time of day I will show at home, or also at an appropriate time of day I will show at the office.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

12/28/56

GSM:

Mr. McDaniel of the Memphis Urban League called. He was moved to do so by a call to him from President Hollis Price of LeMoyne, who had just read in Jet magazine that you were about to depart. Mr. McDaniel expressed his own and Mr. Price's sense of deprivation at your leaving and asked me to convey their best wishes and Godspeed to you.

HCF/eab

December 28, 1956

Mr. David Freeman
The Fund for the Republic
60 East Forty-Second Street
New York 17, New York

Dear David:

Here is some account of the Southern Regional Council during the months of October, November, and December, 1956.

For Mitchell, as Executive Director, some speechmaking, much policy discussion, and an unprecedented amount of advising other people of how to do things in this part of the world.

For the speeches: to about all the Y. Teens in the U. S., in a Convention at Washington. When I got through two little girls from Savannah came up and said, "Mr. Mitchell, we don't think you did a very good job of presenting the Georgia point of view." To the annual meeting of the Urban League in St. Paul, Minnesota. To the New School in New York. To the National Council of Negro Women in Washington; and hereabouts to Spelman College, and to a luncheon club, and to a travelling group of Colgate students.

For the advising: at least the usual run of foreign visitors, including particularly the man Mboya from Kenya, the Van Wycks from South Africa, a radio man from Bavaria, a newspaper man from Austria, and so on. In the role of counselor to an editor of the Christian Science Monitor, a man from the Saturday Evening Post, a man from the American Federation for Political Education (worrying about how he should get going in the South), a man from the World Council of Churches, a visiting British Methodist minister, a man from the Northern Presbyterian Church, and (most interestingly) a man from the AFL-CIO, responsible for planning a new organizing effort in the South, and the new Atlanta man for the American Jewish Committee.

Plus pulling together and being at the Tuskegee meeting of agencies active in the South; and being at Mrs. Tilly's meeting of Church Women, and going to our own Board meetings, and a meeting of our Executive Committee.

MAJOR DECISIONS AT BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of the Council met at Williamsburg in mid-November. Well attended meeting. Main matter was decision on a policy memorandum circulated in advance, and posed by the Executive Committee.

The Fund for the Republic's series of grants for state organizations has entered the last year. How do we proceed in the coming period? Do we continue to make the servicing and subsidy of the state groups our main focus? Or should we hereafter put out major emphasis on field work, information, and other educational efforts -- carried on by central staff-- aimed at furthering and easing the South's transition to integration? The Board, after goodly discussion, said we should cherish the state groups, help them a lot in the next few months toward independence; and hope to find funds for more modest, where-it-will-obviously-do-much good help to state groups. Meanwhile, central SRC is to push hard through its own staff on promising regional strategies. This is about what was recommended, though the Board rightly insisted on all possible continued identification of the state groups with the parent movement.

WORK WITH CHURCH WOMEN

Mrs. Tilly's great accomplishment in this period is the meeting late in October here in Atlanta of leading church women from all over the Southeast. They were of all three principal faiths and of many denominations and of both races. They totaled 109. She had the very ablest people to lead. The women did most of the talking themselves.

Such a meeting cost a couple of thousand dollars, and it could only be held by reason of the generosity of the John Hay Whitney Foundation.

Fortunately since that meeting the Phelps-Stokes Fund has made the Fellowship of the Concerned whole after the expense of the meeting, and Mrs. Tilly is again in funds for a careful follow-up of the Atlanta meeting.

She has already begun it with committees from the United Church Women of Georgia, with student groups in Georgia, and by her correspondence with leading women elsewhere.

THE STATE ORGANIZATIONS

We get further into the business of shaping our aid to meet the needs of particular states. The central staff has only a limited power to do this, and wants only such a limited power. But we find it helpful to be able to put extra push where it is needed.

Mr. Parrish, in a review of our North Carolina work, was rewarded with a request for a work conference with our consultant service program. Parrish has also been down to Knoxville to meet leading people there who want to know how Louisville, Kentucky, managed its desegregation program. He has been into Florida also.

Fred Routh has been out at Tennessee. Emory Via has been, as a labor consultant, to Montgomery, Alabama (where he was quite useful in preparing for peacefulness there).

Out Atlanta staff working with the state organizations has at last put together a kind of check list on performance by state organizations. Such a thing is known jargon-wise as "Criteria of Evaluation." People like to check themselves against some outside standards; and this new list of what is important in making a judgement about program and staff and staff-board relationships has been widely liked.

THE CONSULTANTS

This quarter has seen the following state-wide programs using the consultants:

Alabama. John Hope II, Dr. Hylan Lewis (Atlanta University) and Fred Routh met with some 25 Board members of the Alabama Council on Human Relations at the Tuskegee Institute, September 25-26. The group took a problem census and then assigned priorities for discussion of the problems listed. The two items which seemed most helpful were: first, an identification of the variety of roles Board members might play in the Council, in other organizations to which they belong and as citizens; second, a careful analysis of forces operating in the tense situation in Tuscaloosa, home town of the University and site of the Miss Lucy affair. Once again the consultants explored with members the basic question, "What can we do at this time to make for meaningful progress in Alabama?"

Georgia. John Hope II, Dr. John A. Griffin (Emory University), Dr. William Jones (University of Tennessee), Dr. Hylan Lewis (Atlanta University), Dr. Herman Long (Fisk University), Mr. Whitney Young (Atlanta University) and Fred Routh met with the Board of Directors, the professional staff, the state organizations' consultants and a carefully selected group of key people in Atlanta, September 27-28-29th. The large group broke into three sections to consider community organization, interracial communications, and self-survey techniques. This was an exciting conference. Participants went home not only with greater determination to do a job but with increased and new skills to apply to the task.

Kentucky. John Hope II, Dr. Lee Coleman (University of Kentucky), Dr. Robert Johnson (NCCJ), Dr. Bonita Valien (Fisk University), and Dr. C. H. Parrish met with Board members, staff and state consultants November 17-18-19. A great deal of thinking went into defining the best role for consultants -- professionalism vs. advocacy. The group was interested in developing criteria for choosing communities in which to work and a thorough review of difficult communities and soft spots was undertaken. The group got so deep in their deliberations that they cancelled a "free period" they had scheduled.

Earlier on such meetings have been held in South Carolina, North Carolina, Texas, and Florida and Virginia. Thus eight states have had full use of the consultant service device.

And there was also the conference of all of the states where the going is particularly rough: Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, and South Carolina.

The one state so far omitted is scheduled for an early state-wide meeting of this kind.

And more lately John Hope in management of the consultant service program has been getting our state people to turn up for him proposals for direct local community work. We could list some eight cities where organized advice of this kind to local leadership seems immanent.

INFORMATION

Harold Fleming:

The information staff's already full schedule was increased by several far-reaching developments during the quarter. Clinton, Tenn., erupted for the second time in early December, presenting the gravest test yet of the enforceability of the courts' decisions. We thought it wise for SRC to have at the scene of the disorders a staff person who could serve both as observer and adviser to the press. Accordingly, John Constable flew up. He spent much of his time with the newspapermen -- a useful vantage-point for first-hand observation -- and was able, in turn, to give them helpful background.

The Supreme Court's final decision in the Montgomery bus segregation case also claimed a large share of attention. Two weeks before the court's desegregation order became effective, we sent out a background memorandum to more than a hundred editors, alerting them to the coming showdown and summarizing the developments which led up to it. Our information approach was tied in with field work in Montgomery, by Fred Routh and Emory Via, to promote calm acceptance of bus desegregation.

PRESS RELATIONS AND PUBLIC INTERPRETATION

Following are some noteworthy instances of work with the media during the quarter. Others are reported under "FACT-FINDING."

* Promoted and assisted an Associated Press news feature on social science findings re segregation and race relations; the resulting story should run nation-wide shortly.

* Lengthy briefing session with the Christian Science Monitor's editorial writer who handles matters racial.

* Enlisted the good offices of the Alabama Council on Human Relations in getting the facts for Life about the Caussy family of Choctaw County, Alabama. (Following their appearance in a Life picture-text story, the Negro family suffered economic reprisals and have had to be relocated.)

* Following the publication in U. S. News of the widely noted (and deplored) McGurk article, worked with a group of social psychologists on the development of a counter-statement; the statement was signed by 18 leading social scientists and (thanks mainly to Joseph Lyford) received wide publicity.

* Opened up the information files and the collective knowledge of the staff to John Bartlow Martin, who is preparing a three-part series on pro-segregation forces for the Saturday Evening Post.

* Harold Fleming and John Constable wrote a Public Affairs Pamphlet, just published under the title, "What's Happening in School Integration?".

* Additional newsmen briefed and otherwise assisted ranged from an editor of the New Statesman and Nation to an editor of the Columbus (Ga.) Ledger.

INTER-AGENCY COOPERATION

Partly as a result of the Tuskegee Meeting (reported elsewhere), SRC's information and advice have been increasingly sought by other agencies. We have cast up facts and materials for the YMCA and YWCA projects on campus race relations in the South. We prepared a roundup of economic reprisals for the AFSC's Rights of Conscience program. In staff conferences, we worked out detailed coordination with the AFSC's North Carolina desegregation project and the Anti-Defamation League's various programs in this field. Harold Fleming represented SRC at two inter-agency meetings resulting in the establishment of a national Consultative Conference on Desegregation.

RESEARCH AND REFERENCE

In addition to managing the clipping files (intake: approximately 500 clippings per month) and other reference materials, Research Assistant Florence Irving has been heavily engaged in statistical analysis of the voting survey findings. In preparation for Mrs. Tilly's Southwide meeting of church women, she also compiled the complete record of pro-segregation measures passed by Southern states. The normal flow of mail requests for information were handled. Among the more interesting inquirers: a white Alabama minister who had organized an interracial discussion group; the director of planning in St. Petersburg, Fla.; a college president; a group seeking employment of Negro policemen; the director of records at Tuskegee Institute, seeking data for Tuskegee's celebrated Annual Report; and personnel of the Presbyterians, U.S.A., who are preparing a study manual on race relations.

NEW SOUTH

The three issues of *New South* since the last quarterly report dealt with several of the most emergent issues of the period. William Gordon, an able Negro journalist, contributed a first-hand account of the bus boycott in Tallahassee, Fla., currently front-page news. "The Right of Dissent" by South Carolina editor Jack O'Dowd put into sharp focus the threat to basic liberties posed by pro-segregation intolerance in the deep South. A summary of church pronouncements on segregation in the October issue was in heavy demand and (unfortunately) was completely out-of-stock within days after publication. Scientific findings on race and intelligence, designed to combat the "master race" revival, were summed up in November.

FACT-FINDING PROGRAM

Integration North and South, containing the report of SRC's desegregation survey, was published in October by the Fund for the Republic and received remarkably wide publicity. Ten thousand copies of the booklet were printed; SRC is assisting in its promotion and distribution. We have drawn on the survey material for a variety of information and program uses.

Survey of Negro Suffrage. The fact-finding phase of this twelve-state project has been completed and we will soon finish a regionwide analysis of the findings which we will publish and release to the press. A preliminary news release on November 4, giving Negro registration figures state by state, had good press treatment. The U. S. Department of Justice requested and was given a full set of the state reports, as part of the current Federal appraisal of the right to vote in the South. Newspaper features on the Louisiana, Kentucky, North Carolina, and Georgia studies have appeared or are in prospect.

Survey of Pro-Segregation Organizations. This was the first significant study of the development, leadership, and methods of the Southern "resistance movement." A summary special report (mimeographed) by Paul Anthony has been distributed to appropriate agencies and individuals; the Methodist Woman's Society for Christian Service ordered several hundred copies for use as program material. Further reports and a special issue of *New South* on the subject are in process. Meanwhile, the survey findings have already had considerable press treatment. They were the subject of a lengthy feature story in the *New York Times*, a well publicized NAIRO speech by Fred Routh, a forthcoming article in *Phylon*, and an impending series in the *New York Post*. Paul Anthony, who did the field fact-finding, has made a number of speeches and has briefed a variety of newspapermen and magazine writers. John Bartlow Martin has drawn heavily on these findings for his *Saturday Evening Post* series.

FOREIGN VISITORS

The usual record:

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Oct. 9	Mr. and Mrs. Leo A. Pinnock, J.P., Island Supervisor of Jamaica Social Welfare Commission, Kingston, Jamaica, B.W.I.
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Oct. 13	Rev. Maldwyn Edwards, Birmingham, England
Oct. 13	Jan Olsson, Swedish Newspaperman
Oct. 22	Mr. Hans-Joachim W. Netzer, Deputy Chief, News Department, Bavarian Radio, 16 Franz Joseph Strasse, Munich 13, Germany
Oct. 30	Lord Kinross, Newspaperman, Punch, England
Nov. 9	Mr. and Mrs. Frederick J. Van Wyk, Assistant Director, S. A. Institute of Race Relations, 6 Twickenham Avenue, Rossmore, Johannesburg, Union of South Africa
Dec. 4	Dr. Gustav Adolf Canaval, Chief Editor and co-Publisher of the Salzburger Nachrichten, Salzburg, Franz-Josefs-Strasse 13, Austria
Dec. 19	Rev. John Swart, Minister in the Dutch Reformed Church, South Africa.
Dec. 19	Diarmid H. Cross, Old Ballikinrain, Balfron by Glasgow, Scotland. Recent Oxford graduate.

MITCHELL OUTBOUND

This is George Mitchell's last quarterly report as Executive Director. He leaves duty status January 15th, when Harold Fleming takes over as Executive Director, duly elected by the Board at Williamsburg at its meeting. Mrs. Ruth Alexander continues as Secretary-Treasurer. Mitchell is to draw his leave (about a month of it) and will sail March 8th for Scotland.

I, Mitchell, am lastingly grateful to these churches, unions, business firms, foundations who have put in our life blood; and to private individuals who have generously and steadily backed a cause little popular, but pregnant with hope for the future. To that mass of friendly people who have caused helpful things to happen; abiding thanks.

I thank the Fund for the Republic, its Board and staff, for three years of magnificent support, and of the wisest counsel, and of every freedom to do what seemed to our Southern Board and Executive Committee the right things in these anxious years. I do not suppose that any foundation has ever made a more significant contribution to the increase of democracy in the Southern states, and therefore in the United States and therefore in the world.

And I am always mindful of the trust we on the staff have owed to our Board members, who in their responsible positions sacrificed their time and not infrequently jeopardised their own followings, to stand behind what the Board had agreed to.

There will be a special place in Scotland where each and every of the Council's friends will be always welcome; and many may be the nights when before a peat fire some of us plan the further growth of this noble effort.

AUDIT

The books were audited at the close of our fiscal year (September 30, 1956), and the audit distributed. A quarterly audit as of December 31st will be forthcoming shortly; and this audit will be brought to date to January 15th for the change of regime.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

bc: HCF

December 28, 1956

Mr. David B. Silberman, Jr.
Sigmund Silberman Foundation
1117 West Thirty-Fifth Street
Chicago 9, Illinois

Dear Mr. Silberman:

For a long time I had been hoping that when I hit 55 I could knock off. I am 54½ and I have notified my Board of Directors that I am quitting my job January 15, 1957. Fortunately, we have had on the staff for seven years a most able young fellow, Harold Fleming, and him the Board of Directors have elected to be my successor. He will do a better job than ever I did!

I make a queer choice. I set out a long time ago to become an economist. These thirty years I have been buying great stiff heavy books in economics. I have shipped them all to Glasgow and March 8th my wife and I ~~me~~ get on a boat and we will buy a croft in the remotest Highlands of Scotland and settle by a peat fire and I will read the books.

I will hope that the time will come when any or all of the Silbermans will appear on the yon side. If any of you set foot in Scotland and do not set foot in my house, I will be sorely disappointed. One of our purposes is to have a two-unit motel next door, and we hope for a reviving succession of United Staters to occupy the motel. But for the Silbermans we will spread linen sheets in our own house!

You have been a warm friend this good string of years, and I am deeply grateful to all of you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

bc: HCF

December 28, 1956

Miss Anna Lord Strauss
27 East Sixty-Ninth Street
New York, New York

Dear Miss Strauss:

I have for a goodish while purposed when I should be 55 to quit whatever I might be doing and go to Scotland and read the economics books which make my shelves to groan. I have sent the books to Glasgow and in March my wife and ~~me~~ I follow after.

Fear not for the Southern Regional Council; the Board elected Harold Fleming to be the new Director. He has been with the Council seven years. Came to us directly from Harvard after World War II. Able, wise, effective. And the Council will do better in his hands than in mine.

I bespeak for him your continued friendship.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

~~Wheeler contact Dec~~
~~Spivey contact Jan~~

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Dedember 28, 1956

Mr. Gus Bernd
Georgia Journal
Macon, Georgia

Dear Gus:

We appreciate the nice publicity you gave us in your Georgia Journal last week.

You put out a good newspaper.

If we can be of any help, do let us know.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony,
Information Service

PA:fc

December 29, 1956

Mr. P. D. East
Box 349
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Dear Mr. East:

Enclosed is our check for two hundred subscriptions to the Petal Paper, made possible by the generosity of Mr. Lukas and Mr. Richard McClain. Also enclosed is a list of names and addresses of one hundred persons for whom subscriptions should be entered. The remaining one hundred will be sent to you directly by Mr. Lukas within a short time. I hope we will be able to convey further subscription orders to you later.

Congratulations on the fine job you are doing and best wishes to you and to the Petal Paper for a successful New Year.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director

HCF:mm

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December 29, 1956

Mr. Richard McClain
19 Polk Place
Greenburgh
White Plains, New York

Dear Mr. McClain:

This is to acknowledge your money order in the amount of $300.00, to be used for one hundred subscriptions to the Petal Paper. Our check for these subscriptions and your list of persons to receive them have been sent today to Mr. East, the editor of the Petal Paper.

I am sure that Mr. East will be deeply appreciative of this evidence of interest and encouragement, as we are glad to be instrumental in getting it to him.

With kind regards and best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mm

December 29, 1956

Dr. H. T. Penn
36 Center Avenue, N.W.
Roanoke 17, Virginia

Dear Dr. Penn:

The Southern Regional Council is conducting a quick survey to determine what Southern cities have desegregated their buses. We have discovered, in contrast to Tallahassee, Birmingham, and Montgomery, that a number of cities have quietly and effectively ended bus segregation.

It has come to our attention that Roanoke is one of these cities. However, before issuing a public statement to that effect, it is obviously wise to check with a person in that community.

Could you, in the midst of this busy season, give us information on the Roanoke bus situation? We are concerned with the time any desegregation efforts took place, who prompted or began such a move, the reaction of city officials, the bus company and the white community; and the amount of remaining voluntary segregation which may still be practiced. Most important, however, is a simple confirmation of the current situation. Please don't go to undue trouble or time to secure the details surrounding the present condition. An immediate reply will be of more value than a detailed report.

The central office staff has asked that I express their sincere best wishes for the season.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Information Service

PA:mm

December 29, 1956

Mr. Edwin J. Lukas
The American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Ed:

Your check for $300.00 to be used for subscriptions to the Petal Paper has just been received, as have a check for the same and a list of subscribers from Roy's friend, Richard McClain. I am sending today our check for $600.00 to Mr. East, and I am advising him that he will shortly receive a list of one hundred persons directly from you.

A warm commendation to you for making this possible and best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mm

December 29, 1956

Dr. Harry Roberts
Virginia State College
Petersburg, Virginia

Dear Dr. Roberts:

The Southern Regional Council is conducting a quick survey to determine what Southern cities have desegregated their buses. We have discovered, in contrast to Tallahassee, Birmingham, and Montgomery, that a number of cities have quietly and effectively ended bus segregation.

It has come to our attention that Petersburg is one of these cities. However, before issuing a public statement to that effect, it is obviously wise to check with a person in that community.

Could you, in the midst of this busy season, give us information on the Petersburg bus situation? We are concerned with the time any desegregation efforts took place, who prompted or began such a move, the reaction of city officials, the bus company and the white community, and the amount of remaining voluntary segregation which may still be practiced. Most important, however, is a simple confirmation of the current situation. Please don't go to undue trouble or time to secure the details surrounding the present condition. An immediate reply will be of more value than a detailed report.

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Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Information Service

PA:mm

December 29, 1956

Dr. J. Kenneth Morland
Randolph Macon Woman's College
Lynchburg, Virginia

Dear Dr. Morland:

The Southern Regional Council is conducting a quick survey to determine what Southern cities have desegregated their buses. We have discovered, in contrast to Tallahassee, Birmingham, and Montgomery, that a number of cities have quietly and effectively ended bus segregation.

It has come to our attention that Lynchburg is one of these cities. However, before issuing a public statement to that effect, it is obviously wise to check with a person in that community.

Could you, in the midst of this busy season, give us information on the Lynchburg bus situation? We are concerned with the time any desegregation efforts took place, who prompted or began such a move, the reaction of city officials, the bus company and the white community, and the amount of remaining voluntary segregation which may still be practiced. Most important, however, is a simple confirmation of the current situation. Please don't go to undue trouble or time to secure the details surrounding the present condition. An immediate reply will be of more value than a detailed report.

The central office staff has asked that I express their sincere best wishes for the season.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Information Service

PA:mm

December 29, 1956

Miss Susy Peach Foster
Methodist Student Center
Dandridge Street
Fredericksburg, Virginia

Dear Miss Foster:

The Southern Regional Council is conducting a quick survey to determine what Southern cities have desegregated their buses. We have discovered, in contrast to Tallahassee, Birmingham, and Montgomery, that a number of cities have quietly and effectively ended bus segregation.

It has come to our attention that Fredericksburg is one of these cities. However, before issuing a public statement to that effect, it is obviously wise to check with a person in that community.

Could you, in the midst of this busy season, give us information on the Fredericksburg bus situation? We are concerned with the time any desegregation efforts took place, who prompted or began such a move, the reaction of city officials, the bus company and the white community, and the amount of remaining voluntary segregation which may still be practiced. Most important, however, is a simple confirmation of the current situation. Please don't go to undue trouble or time to secure the details surrounding the present condition. An immediate reply will be of more value than a detailed report.

The central office staff has asked that I express their sincere best wishes for the season.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Information Services

PA:mm

December 29, 1956

Mrs. Sarah Patton Boyle
Box 3183
University Station
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Boyle:

The Southern Regional Council is conducting a quick survey to determine what Southern cities have desegregated their buses. We have discovered, in contrast to Tallahassee, Birmingham, and Montgomery, that a number of cities have quietly and effectively ended bus segregation.

It has come to our attention that Charlottesville is one of these cities. However, before issuing a public statement to that effect, it is obviously wise to check with a person in that community.

Could you, in the midst of this busy season, give us information on the Charlottesville bus situation? We are concerned with the time any desegregation efforts took place, who prompted or began such a move, the reaction of city officials, the bus company, and the white community, and the amount of remaining voluntary segregation which may still be practiced. Most important, however, is a simple confirmation of the current situation. Please don't go to undue trouble or time to secure the details surrounding the present condition. An immediate reply will be of more value than a detailed report.

The central office staff has asked that I express their sincere best wishes for the season.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Information Services

PA:mm

December 29, 1956

Mr. Edward Reed
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Ed:

Thanks for your letter of December 26 with the good tidings about the Scientific American article and the Public Affairs pamphlet. Your sending one thousand copies of the former was perfect as to both quantity and timing.

As to the Public Affairs pamphlet, we could usefully distribute up to one thousand of them through our state groups. (I made myself re-read it the other day and found that I think better of it now than I did when the manuscript was just completed.) However, if you have other demands for that thousand, don't consider our request imperative.

My warmest good wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:fc

December 29, 1956

Mr. William Peters
921 Grant Avenue
Pelham Manor, New York

Dear Mr. Peters:

I was glad to get your letter of December 19, and to learn that you were hoping to do some writing in depth on the South and integration. We have read with admiration one or two of your articles on the subject, notably "The Schools that Broke the Color Line", reprints of which we distributed.

I would welcome the chance to sit down and discuss your ideas with you, and I think it might well be mutually helpful. Unfortunately, I have no early trip to New York scheduled. But I have occasion to go up very often, and there is every likelihood that I will be in New York sometime within the next couple of months. It would be fine if Adam could sit in with us at that time.

If this prospect is too vague or longranged for your planning, perhaps you would find it possible to come down here.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director

HCF:fc

December 29, 1956

Mr. Frank S. Loescher
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Frank:

We were delighted to learn that our special report on pro-segregation groups is to be distributed to the Fund's Board. Thirty-five copies have been mailed to Frank Kelly. So far, we have only distributed a thousand or so, but it is a popular document and we will undoubtedly make it more widely available.

As you know, we think very highly of Vann Woodward's book. Except for the limited number which we have distributed, however, I don't know what distribution you gave it on the first go-round. If it's not too much trouble to let me know, I would be better able to suggest possible further uses.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director

HCF:fc

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COMMITTEES ADVISING LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS IN STATE OF ____________

____________ 1956

COMMUNITY	Name of Superintendent	Method by which Committee was Established	Number of Committee Members			Additional Information or Comments
			Total	Negro	White	

January 2, 1957

Miss Helen Louise Cohen
94 Oliver Street
Rochester 7, New York

Dear Miss Cohen:

I was glad to see the business done by the wretch Stanley Morse. But we have all thought the matter not worth pursuing in further printed letters.

Morse's letter contains a variety of lies.

(1) I was not an incorporator of SRC. This silly error was made originally (I would guess), by some clerk for the man Roy Harris, who runs a smelly sheet called the Augusta Courier. I think the object may have been to fill the hole left by the careful omission from the list of incorporators of the respected Bishop Arthur Moore.

(2) The "apparent" purpose of setting up the SRC in 1944 to escape condemnation as a red front would be disproved on simple dates. I don't remember when in 1944 the House Committee spoke against the SCHW, but it must have been late in the year, and SRC was chartered in February, 1944, on the basis of discussions and meetings running back into 1942.

It is most doubtful that Ralph McGill was ever a member of the SCHW (no discredit -- he just disliked the people). At any rate he editorialized against it from the beginning, and he was always a friend of ours.

But I am not in the business of running down the SCHW; I sat on its Board for two years or so, and helped it push what I thought were worthy causes.

I am gone off to Scotland, March 8th. I will cease duty status here January 15th, and pack and get rid of my house. I propose to buy a croft in the remotest Highlands, perhaps near Applecross. We will have a two-unit motel there next door, and you must please come and stay. It will be wide open for free each year when it shall have taken in enough to get me at the bottom edge of British income taxes!

You have been a kind friend. I glory in Charleston, and still expect her charm to come to the surface in public purpose.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

January 2, 1957

Mr. H. Jac. Rousseau
Professor of Education
University College of
Rhodesia & Nyasaland
Salisbury, South Rhodesia

Dear Mr. Rousseau:

My bastardized typescript handed to my secretary is responsible for two errors in my letter of December 26th:

Next to bottom line - form

Fifth line second page - concentrate

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 2, 1957

Mr. J. M. Dabbs
Mayesville,
South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

I had been delaying an answer to your inquiry about the date of the Executive Committee meeting. So far no definite date has been set, but Harold Fleming seems to think that February 1 and 2 will be the best dates, and the likely dates.

As soon as Mr. Fleming has conferred with Dr. Clement and Mr. Wright, I will let you know definitely.

You and your family have my best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant

GSA:fc

January 2, 1957

Mr. Alfred C. Payne,
Southern Area Student Council
YMCA
706 Standard Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Al:

You were very thoughtful to write about the new job. I greatly value your good wishes. It's also nice to see that our fame spreads through the National Council Bulletin.

All the best to you in the New Year.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director

HCF:fc

January 2, 1957

Mr. Howard D. Roberts
Florida Council on Human Relations
324 S. Beach Street
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Howard:

Thank you for your kind words in your letter of December 18th. I am looking forward to seeing both you and Bill again, soon I hope. Meanwhile, I understand from Fred that he is making plans to live up to your advanced billing of him on the January program.

Best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:fc

January 2, 1957

Mr. George K. Hunton
Catholic Interracial Council
20 Versey Street
New York 7, New York

Dear George:

My warmest thanks for your letter of December 19th. There is no one whose good wishes I prize more highly.

"The Law of The Land" is a very useful leaflet and we would be grateful for as many as one thousand of them.

All of us here send greetings and best wishes for 1957 to you and to the Catholic Interracial Council.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:fc

January 2, 1957

Mr. M. A. Ritchie, President
Hartwick College
Oneonta, New York

Dear Mike:

Thank you for your very kind letter and the good wishes for the New Year.

Fred Routh often speaks of you, and we really think of you as one of our strongest constituents, despite the distance of Oneonta.

I hope some occasion or other will get us together soon. Meanwhile from all of us here the best of wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director

HCF:fc

SAME LETTER SENT TO:

Mr. William Campbell
Miss Mary Jane Willett
Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton
Mr. Arthur J. Levin
Mr. A. C. Miller
Seymour Samet
Sam Lubin
Mr. Roy Wilkins
Mrs. Ruby Hurley
Mr. Emanuel Maravchik
Dr. Don J. Hager
Mr. Morris B. Hoffman
Rev. Cornelius C. Tarplee
Arnold Aronson
Lovejoy
Harold Bauman

Miss Dorothy Hampton
Mrs. Jean Russell
Rev. H. B. Sissel

cc: Frank Loesher
Dave Freeman

January 2, 1957

Copy this + enclose

Mr. Harry Alston
National Urban League
250 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Alston:

We have been advised that you will represent your agency at the conference to be held at Atlanta University in Atlanta, Georgia, on January 23 - 24, 1957. This will be a meeting of Southern field representatives of agencies participating in the newly formed Consultative Conference on Desegregation, as well as a follow-up of the Tuskegee conference of October 24 - 25, 1956.

The meeting is scheduled to begin with lunch at 12:30 p.m. in Atlanta University Dining Hall located in the dormitory building at 50 Chestnut Street, Southwest. The first session will convene at 2:00 p.m.

Meals for all participants and lodging for out-of town representatives have benn arranged for at Atlanta University. Lodging and meals will be paid for by the sponsors of the conferance through the assistance of the Fund for the Republic. Transportation costs must be borne by the participating agencies. Out-of-town participants should check in at the dormitories (address as above) with Mrs. Murphy or Mrs. Anderson.

Meetings will be held in the conference room of the Atlanta University Administration Building located at 223 Chestnut Street, S.W. The first session will be from 2:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 23; the conference will end with a morning session on Thursday, January 24 (9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.). There will also probably be a night session on the evening of January 23, (Wednesday).

Please let us know the expected time of your arrival, and whether or not you will want to be housed at Atlanta University.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander, Administrative Assistant

January 2, 1957

Dr. F. D. Patterson
Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Patterson:

I came across an article in a maggie which I here send up, that praises I am sure rightly the work in earlier years of the Phelps-Stokes Fund. You will know of the man, but I thought that by this or that chance the speech might not have come in to the Fund.

George Mitchell doesn't leave his job or these Southerns without a most special word of appreciation for you, for Tuskegee, for the Phelps Stokes Fund, and for long years of firm friendship.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 2, 1957

Mrs. Sarah Patton Boyle
Box 3183
University Station
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear Patty:

This is, first of all, to thank you for the report on Charlottesville's transit system which you sent to Paul Anthony. We are getting out a general release, which should serve a useful purpose.

Secondly, and less positively, I just looked over the good leaflet of the Charlottesville-Albemarle Council on Human Relations. It is excellently done, but I note that you picked up from us the quote by Virginius Dabney. Sad to say, some time back he requested that we cease to use it on our literature--which we did. No way on earth for you to know about this, but I pass it along now with the suggestion that you drop Dabney in further printings.

Congratulations on the good work you are doing, and our best wishes for 1957.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director

HCF:fc
cc: John H. Marion
100 E. Franklin Street
Richmond 19, Va.

January 2, 1957

Mr. Benjamin E. Mays
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mays:

I have been preaching at the students in my course that they should prepare themselves for advice on the escape of people in back places from colonial supervision.

This is the exam I intend to give them.

I have passed it out, and shall give them therefore this month's notice of what they will have to write about.

They have been diligent students, and I have greatly enjoyed the course with them.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls.

January 2, 1957

Mr. Hollis Price
LeMoyne College
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Hollis:

You were a good egg to write.

I'm not mad with anybody; it's just that I want to read my Economics books, and I can, and Harold Fleming's here able to run the Council better than ever; so I'm off. Finish up January 15th, and sail March 8th.

But you and Mrs. Price are please to show in Scotland. Alice wrote somebody "I go to prepare a place." So come and enter into reward. . .

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 2, 1957

Miss Mary Dolan
Community
4233 South Indiana Avenue
Chicago 15, Illinois

Dear Mary Dolan:

I do appreciate word from you. Enjoyed Ed Chambers.

Our SRC President urged me to give my swansong of advice to the New York Times Magazine, and I wrote out 2500 words and sent it to them. I knew the Washington man, who has some authority in the Sunday issues. Don't know whether they will take it. But if they do, is there anything to hold you back from getting their permission to use such snippets from it as might seem suitable? It's my whole advice, and except for minor emitted fragments I've nothing else to give!

But everybody please come to Scotland. I cherish a circle around our peat fire.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 2, 1957

Miss Thelma Stevens
Woman's Division of Christian Service
of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Thelma:

You were kind to write.

I have for a long time promised myself that when I would get up to 55 I would knock off and go to Scotland and read my books. I'm 54 and a half, and Harold Fleming is here to run the Council better than ever I did, and I can sell my house (I hope) and have enough sterling to keep me in peat for the ten years until I am pensionable (Teachers Insurance left from Columbia days, plus Social Security plus a scrap of Government): so I've shipped the books to Glasgow, and Alice and I will follow after on March 8. Sail on the Saxonia.

I don't like leaving you and everybody else with this problem, but I've put in my licks, and when I began to consider leaving there were clearly nine men who could do what I was doing. And whenever there are nine guys who can do your job it is a good time to quit!

But we must all be together in Scotland. I expect to settle in the remotest Highlands, perhaps near a spot called Applecross. But when you come over somebody here will know my exact address, and you must show. We can go late into the night on everything from Mississippi on up!

You have been a firm support, and I am grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 2, 1957

Mr. J. Elwood Welch, D. D.
3001 Heyward
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Welch:

Somebody most kindly sent me your letter from the December 9th *State*.

I do greatly appreciate the opportunity to dip again into those now seldom recalled people and circumstances.

When father died I found among his papers a picture of eighteen or twenty people standing on the steps of our old house on the University Campus. It was the time when President Taft came to the University of South Carolina. And the two central figures were the President and Dr. Joynes. Father had painstakingly written on the back the names of each person in the group. When he came to those two central figures the language was: "At President Taft's right is Dr. Edward S. Joynes, to whom I introduced the President."

I was at pains to give the picture to the South Carolina Historical Society. And I tried to get word of this nice bit to Slats Lattimar, but doubt that he received it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 2, 1957

Mr. Willis T. Spivey
Director
Community Service Foundation
125 Harbor Bluff Drive
Largo, Florida

Dear Mr. Spivey:

You warm my heart!

We respect Koinonia, grieve about its plight, speak well of it, and urge people to help it. I expect, though, that South Georgia will sqush it. But every week of life helps.

I want you and Mrs. Spivey to come to see me in Scotland. I will be needing your technical help on how to enlarge my cottage, and how to farm my croft.

Appreciatively and cordially,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 2, 1957

Mr. Forrest LaViolette
Tulane University
Department of Sociology
and Anthropology
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Forrest:

That's quite true. I will cease duty status for SRC January 15 and I draw a month's leave, and Alice and I sail for Scotland March 8th. I've been planning for a long time to knock off whatever I might be doing when I get to 55, and here I am, and I knock off. Main idea, to go read the books I've been buying and not reading.

Come over! We'll have a two-unit motel next to our croft, way into the Highlands (West Coast, opposite Skye, but on the mainland); and all LaViolettes should come and stay in the motel. Late in each year, when income would hit me with taxes, she'll be free!

I am sorry your mother will be gone; Galloway is a most tempting place, and I would have gone to see her.

Best,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 2, 1957

Mr. J. A. McDaniel
Memphis Urban League
546 Beale Street
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Mr. McDaniel:

That was as kind as could be of you to call, and leave such warm messages from yourself and from Mr. Price.

I have been planning for many years to stop whatever I might be doing when I got to 55, and I am nearly to that, and at a convenient stopping place. And Harold Fleming, whom the Board elected to succeed me, is ablest of nine people I could see as material for my job; and any time there are nine guys who can do what you are doing is a good time to knock off! My serious purpose is to read all the Economics books I have been buying these last twenty-five years, and see if I can get back on the track and end up as an Economist -- a thing I quit trying to do when the New Deal came along.

Naturally I hate to leave the part of the world I know and the people I love, but I am teased by the hope that some life could be got back into agriculture in the Highlands of Scotland, and I'd like being busy, but I do intend to do a powerful lot of resting and reading.

And Alice and I will have a two-unit motel next door to our croft, and you and your friends (emphatically including the Prices) are please to come and try the other side of the world.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 2, 1957

Mrs. Cary Robertson
Anchorage,
Kentucky

Dear Priscilla:

Here's a scribble I worked out in the last couple of years, and have not caused to be printed so far as I know. It's barely a note, but it has a bite.

I offer it; if you don't like it, skip it!

Best, till you get over,

G.

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Encl.

January 2, 1957

Mr. Frank T. Simpson
Executive Secretary
State of Connecticut Commission on Civil Rights
500 Capitol Avenue
Hartford 15, Connecticut

Dear Frank:

It was a real pleasure to get your letter of December 28, and we would be honored and pleased by a visit from you at our offices. They are located in the Wesley Memorial Church Building, 63 Auburn Avenue, N.E., and the phone number is JAckson 2-7963.

I would suggest that you make your visit on the 15th, for that is George Mitchell's last day in the office.

Best regards in the New Year.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

January 2, 1957

Mr. Alonzo G. Moron
Hampton Institute
Hampton, Virginia

Dear Mr. Moron:

I don't want to leave my job without saying a special thank you to you. I have felt close to you, because of Father's deep interest in Hampton. And it has been good during these years to have your firm support.

You and Mrs. Moron must please turn up in Scotland; we'll have a tiny guest-house there, where you will be forever welcome.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 2, 1957

Mr. Luther H. Foster
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Mr. Foster:

I don't want to leave this job without a special word of appreciation to you.

In many visits to Tuskegee I have always found a perfection of taste and courtesy that was deeply satisfying. And I know that such things stem out of the home of the man in charge.

Tuskegee is a most choice center of affection, and I am grateful for your many kindnesses to me there; and elsewhere.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 2, 1957

Mrs. Wilma D. Stokely
405 Clifton Heights
Newport, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Stokely:

Harold Fleming has turned over your most recent letter to me requesting a few names in Florida. As you probably remember, I was reared in that good state. Some people I would suggest that you see follow:

Jacksonville:

(1) Mr. Davisson Dunlap
c/o Adair, Ulmer, Murchison, Kent, and Ashby
Barnett Bank Building

(2) Mr. I. H. Burney
1187 West 10th Street

(3) Mr. Crawford Solomon
c/o Convention Press
218 West Church Street

Daytona Beach:

(1) (Our staff.) Bill Williams and Howard Roberts
324 South Beach Street

(2) Mr. Herbert Davidson
Editor, Daytona Beach News-Journal

Miami:

(1) Donald Sprague
Department of Human Relations
University of Miami

Miami (continued):

(2) Malcolm Ross (Former director of FEPC under FDR)
University Editor
University of Miami

(3) Rev. Caxton Doggett (President, Fla. Council on Human Relations)
Rader Memorial Methodist Church
8755 N.E. 2nd Avenue

(4) Mrs. Charles Williams
Booker T. Washington High School

Tampa - St. Petersburg:

(1) Mr. Edward D. Davis
Central Life Insurance Company
Tampa

(2) Mr. Thomas Dreier
(Publisher - see St. Petersburg phone book.)

(3) Dr. Ellwood C. Nance
President, University of Tampa

Orlando:

(1) Rev. John C. Fuller
Unitarian Church

(2) Dr. I. S. Hankins, M.D.

Gainesville:

(1) Dr. Winston Ehrmann
Department of Sociology
University of Florida

(2) Dr. Gordon Bigelow
University of Florida

Tallahassee:

(1) Dr. Paul Finner
930 W. Park Avenue

(2) Prof. A. L. Kidd
Florida A and M

(3) Dr. Lewis Killian
Department of Sociology
Florida State University

Pensacola:

(1) Dr. H. D. Goode (Dentist)

(2) Rev. J. B. Nichols
First Methodist Church

I trust these names will be of some help to you and we will be glad to provide you with names for Memphis, Birmingham, and Washington, D.C., in our next letter.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

January 2, 1957

Mr. Harry Jones
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
Room 209
121 East Third Street
Charlotte, N.C.

Dear Harry:

Indeed the mails are fouled up. I just received a letter postmarked December 20 from Miami.

I will be up for the January 12 workshop, but cannot make it the day before. My plane leaves here at 8:00 in the morning and arrives in Charlotte at 9:20, as I recall. C.H. has informed me that he too will attend.

The best of everything in the New Year.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

January 2, 1957

Mr. Oscar Cohen
Anti-Defamation League
515 Madison Avenue,
New York 22, New York

Dear Oscar:

Thank you for your letter of December 27 and I heartily second the motion that it was good to be together when you were in Atlanta. Both Harold and I felt that we got a good deal from our discussions. We also felt you had unusually keen insight into the problems we face. With you, we look forward to further collaboration.

Warmest personal regards, and the best of everything in the New Year.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

January 2, 1957

Mr. Edward D. Davis, Secretary
Central Life Insurance Company of Florida
P. O. Box 3286
Tampa, Florida

Dear Ed:

Thank you for your note of December 28. I believe the setting up of a committee to draw up regulations and policies for staff administration by the Florida Council's Executive Committee was indeed the proper move. Such things are the sole perogative of state policy-making groups, so in answer to the big question, "Are we on the right track?" the answer is a hearty "Yes!"

The SRC memo on evaluation criteria for state organizations should be helpful in the committee's deliberations. May I suggest another valuable source. It is a little manual entitled So---You Serve on a Board. It is obtainable from the Welfare Information Service of Pasadena, 118 S. Oak Knoll, at a cost of .50¢. We are going to recommend it to the chairmen of each of our state divisions.

If I or any member of the central staff may be of further help, please call on us.

Sincere wishes for the best of everything in the New Year.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

January 2, 1957

Mrs. Harriet Harmon Dexter
1200 Ellis Avenue
Ashland, Wisconsin

Dear Mrs. Dexter:

I was glad to have your letter of December 26 and to learn more of your assignment from Harper's.

It has distressed me not to be able to help on your project before. As you know, the hoped-for meeting with Mr. Arnold didn't materialize. And with the abnormally heavy load our staff has been carrying, we simply haven't figured out a way to background you properly by correspondence.

A visit by you to our office would, I think, be the ideal solution. If that is possible, let me know when we may expect you. Meanwhile, I am sending you some of our printed material.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mm

January 2, 1957

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, S.C.

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

Thanks for making sure that we knew about the December issue of "The Citizens' Council." We have just received a copy. As someone in the office here remarked, they showed remarkably little originality in their attack on SRC and the Fund. But I guess they consider one untruth as good as another.

The sad fact is that we subscribe to no South Carolina papers - in fact, no Southern dailies but the Atlanta Constitution, the Daily World, and the Chattanooga Times. For the rest, we have to depend on clippings sent us by the state groups or other friends over the region. So you may safely assume that any clippings of significant items - particularly those of South Carolina happenings - will be warmly welcomed.

Best wishes for 1957.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mm

January 3, 1957

Mr. William K. Williams and Mr. Howard Roberts
Florida Council on Human Relations
324 South Beach Street
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Guys:

We have received and read with considerable interest your summary entitled: Answering These Questions. You are to be congratulated on a job well done.

We have sent copies to Marion Wright, SRC president, and Frank Loescher.

If you have not, would you please send one copy to each of the other state directors, and please send us 15 more copies for distribution to our executive committee.

Best of everything in the New Year. Be seeing you soon.

Regards,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm
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January 3, 1957

MEMO TO: Central Staff

Harold Fleming and Emory Via may be reached during the remainder of the week at:

The Roger Smith Hotel
Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C.
(or try Ben Segal).

Returning late Friday P.M. to Atlanta.

FBE:mm

January 3, 1957

Mr. Lewis H. Deer
Director of Intercultural Relations
United Christian Missionary Society
222 South Downey Avenue
Indianapolis 7, Indiana

Dear Lewis:

I would appreciate as soon as possible a confirmation of the date for the proposed meeting of religious leaders in New York. My schedule is somewhat heavy and it is most helpful to know in advance what my itinerary will be.

I hope that you and your family had a pleasant Christmas and wish you at this time the best of everything in this New Year.

Cordially yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

January 3, 1957

Mr. Robert Brisendine
Eastern Air Lines
522 West Peachtree
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Brisendine:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your cooperation in straightening out my reservations to Miami during the Christmas rush.

Eastern Air Lines is fortunate in having the services of a person who truly looks after the interest of its customers.

Best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

cc: Mr. Eddie Rickenbacker

January 3, 1957

Mr. Paul Christopher
216 Flatiron Building
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Paul:

I have been to see Boris' secretary, and have hope that in due time permission will grind through for you to stay on our Executive Committee.

Meanwhile, as though you were on, here is the current quarterly report.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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January 3, 1957

Very Reverend M. V. Shean
Box 895
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Father Maurice:

I am working on Paul Williams to bring in the nominee to succeed you. Spiritually I think you are not succeeded, so I send you the current quarterly report anyhow.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

January 3, 1957

Mr. B. F. Sanders
Postmaster
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Mr. Sanders:

I have held down this or that job in Atlanta for a dozen years, and am now about to move bag and books to Scotland. Before I go I would like to express my appreciation for the mail carrier who has all this time brought me each day's mail.

He is Mr. Jack Hinton.

I came first to Atlanta for the CIO Political Action Committee then at 75 Ivy Street; and I moved from that job to this at 63 Auburn, in 1945. Both jobs were in controversial fields.

Mr. Hinton has been efficient, pleasant, humane, and discreet. I have never heard any faintest whisper connecting him in any way with any unauthorized knowledge of my affairs.

And he has been a friendly fellow to get mail from.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 4, 1957

Dr. H. W. Roberts
Virginia State College
Petersburg, Virginia

Dear Dr. Roberts:

Mr. Fleming left the city on a business trip shortly after receiving your letter of December 28th. He asked me to express his appreciation for the good wishes you extended.

Thank you for the corrections to your report on Negro registration.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

January 4, 1957

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Marion:

I should have written you that I sent up about 2,200 words to my friend Cabell Phillips, who runs the Sunday part of the Washington Bureau of the New York Times. Cabell called me up in a couple of days and said he liked it and they weren't worried about my chatty style, but he thought it needed stiffening in two spots and would I send him two more paragraphs? Which I did. Cabell said he would issue no guarantee that they would carry it, but he would ask his New York office to hold space for it.

I send you what went up originally minus the later two paragraphs.

I have supplied Harold with careful private, no copies, notes as to everybody that I know that ever gave us anything from $50.00 on up. And ditto for a few that gave less.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

January 4, 1957

The Right Reverend Henry I. Louttit
Bishop, South Florida Diocese of the Episcopal Church
Winter Park, Florida

Dear Bishop Louttit:

It has been many years since I first met you when you were the rector at my grandfather's church in West Palm Beach. I am still a communicant at St. Stephens Parish in Coconut Grove, but generally attend services here at the Cathedral in Atlanta.

The other day I came across the enclosed map published by the Diocese of Western North Carolina. I thought you might be interested in the possibility of something similar being done in the Diocese of South Florida. Certainly it would be of considerable help to the Episcopal tourists who come into our region.

With every good wish for you and the Church in the New Year.

Respectfully,

Frederick B. Routh

FBR:mm

enclosure

January 4, 1957

Air mail

Mr. J. J. Gerber
c/o Carnegie Corporation of New York
589 Fifth Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Gerber:

Welcome!

You ought to make a run down this way. They will tell you in New York that I am leaving my job officially January 15th of this year, but I shall be in Atlanta (though precariously housed) until February 26th. Then I start travelling toward New York to catch a boat for Scotland March 8th.

I have promised to go to a Presbyterian gathering at Gatlinburg, Tennessee, January 31st through February 1st. But I shall be in Atlanta straight along from January 16th through the 30th, and expect to be in Atlanta or accessible to it deep into February.

The Southern Regional Council comes, January 16th, under the fortunate guidance of Harold Fleming, and he and his associates would wish to do all they can to get you burdened with information.

I have asked the Fulbright people to send me out to Uganda beginning in July, 1957, but don't know at all whether they will or not.

Gatlinburg, if you should happen to appear there, is a slightly lesser journey than Atlanta. But you would find more opportunity to feel the truth in Atlanta than in remote and vacation-y Gatlinburg.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 4, 1956

Mr. Lorne Nelles
95 Merritts Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Lorne:

Here is the letter I sent David McDonald.

I promised you our report on the Citizens Councils. Here it is.

Do try to help us with the international union. We will before long be in a real tight.

I cherish few things so much as the long friendship with United Steelworkers of America.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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January 7, '57

Dear Brooks,

Many thanks for warm letter. I am grateful. You are one guy who knows the situation.

As to boy at API:

(1) A man named Richard Plaut from the National Scholarship Service and Fund for Negro Students, 6 East 82nd Street, N.Y. 28, Lyceum - 6 -3334 will send to you a list of outfits that lend money no-profit and interest-free to valid students.

(2) Next year, if the young fellow receives any scholarship aid from API, he can apply to Plaut's outfit and be considered for supplementary aid from Plaut's outfit. Should apply in July or August, 1957, for help in September.

(3) We think Fred Darragh or Ed Dunaway would probably be willing to help the young man out for the rest of this year. I hesitate to start that rolling without your knowledge. If you say O.K. I'll get our Little Rock people to work on it. Just write me OK, or nixie.

Sincerely,

We'll stop by, and hope to see you and Marian.

January 7, 1957

Mrs. C. E. Biggerstaff
4906 Adamson Street
Orlando, Florida

Dear Mrs. Biggerstaff:

In reference to your Florida meeting at Avon Park, (1) if you will mail your letter of invitation to us and your mailing list, we will mimeograph your letter, address your envelopes, and send them back to you in Orlando; (2) I think I told you that I have $200.00 for you that you may use in helping people to come to your meeting. I believe the plan worked out last year by Mrs. Ashley was to agree to pay the mileage on one car from a Council; however, you have the privilege of using the $200.00 any way you wish for your meeting.

Besides Mrs. Ashley at the Atlanta meeting was:

(1) Mrs. A. S. Barlow, 1010 Ayrshire Avenue, Orlando
(2) Mrs. M. T. Crumbley, 1132 Ingleside Ave., Jacksonville 5
(3) Miss Flora D. Supworth, 961 S.W. 58th Ave., Miami
(4) Mrs. W. W. Thrasher, 10 S.W. 12th St., Ft. Lauderdale
(Mrs. Ashley's address: 1611 Drake Avenue, Ocala).

Enclosed is a 1955 mailing list. Anything else on which you might need our help, please let me know.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:mm

January 7, 1957

Mr. Bob Brown, Editor
Columbus Ledger
Columbus, Georgia

Dear Bob:

In looking through our files last week for copies of your editorials concerning the distribution of the fake recording and WAC pictures distributed by the White Citizens' Council, I find that we have either not had the editorials or have misplaced them. I am wondering if you could send us copies by return mail. We are interested in the possibility of submitting the editorials for possible awards for editorials on the segregation controversy. Will appreciate receiving the editorials if copies are still available.

Thanks in advance.

Sincerely,

John Constable,
Managing Editor, *New South*

JC:fc

January 7, 1957

Mr. Wallace Westfeldt
Nashville Tennessean
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Wallace:

Sorry I have waited so long in writing to you, especially since you were so kind to me in Knoxville. I believe you talked with Harold Fleming concerning the bus situation while I was out ill. Since nothing seemed to be developing along that line, I didn't think it worthwhile to call.

There will be a meeting here in Atlanta on January 15th of interested people and groups concerning the bus situation. If anything developes from that, I'll let you know.

The main reason for writing now, however, is that I am still interested in receiving copies of the segregation material carried by the Nashville Tennessean which you mentioned in Knoxville. We are interested in submitting some editorials and news features on segregation from the southern papers for possible prizes, and I would like to see what the Tennessean is doing. Hope you can send me these.

Again thanks for your hospitality in Knoxville, and do let me hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

John Constable,
Managing Editor, New South

JC:fc

January 7, 1957

Mr. Warren R. Cochrane
Executive Secretary
Butler Street Young Men's Christian Association
22 Butler Street, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Cochrane:

Thank you for your kind words about my presentation to the Hungry Club January 2. It is always a pleasure to be with such a stimulating group.

We of the Southern Regional Council are deeply grateful for your recognition of George Mitchell. He was well pleased with the plaque and even more pleased with the sincere sentiment behind it.

Best wishes for the continuing success of your Public Affairs Forum.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

January 7, 1957

Mr. Patrick Murphy Malin
Executive Director
American Civil Liberties Union
170 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Malin:

I have just received your special appeal for funds for continuing the fight to increase the status of civil liberties in the United States with special emphasis on work in the South. As you probably know, our organization, the Southern Regional Council, is deeply engaged in the same work. I think it would be fair if in turn you donated to the work of the Council. This has been done by staff members of several national organizations to which I have sent contributions.

Best wishes in your work.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

enclosure - Check No. 474

January 7, 1957

Mr. Daniel J. Ryan, Chairman
Personnel Subcommittee
City of Detroit, Commission on Community Relations
Department of Public Welfare
735 Randolph Street
Detroit 26, Michigan

Dear Mr. Ryan:

I am sincerely flattered that I have been considered qualified for the position of Director-Secretary of the Detroit Commission on Community Relations. I have been unofficially approached about that job before, but had to say no with considerable reluctance.

These are trying times in the South, but they are challenging times too. You see, it is my belief that we will prove here in the South that a democratic society is capable of granting first class citizenship to all of its people or that it is unworthy of the support of any. If there is a contribution which I can make in the field of human relations, I sincerely feel that contribution can best be made here in the South.

Thank you very much for your interest, but I am certain that you will understand my position.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

January 7, 1957

Mrs. W. M. Rosar
1017 House Street
Macon, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Rosar:

The annual meeting of the United Church Women, as you know, will be the last Friday in this month and all recommendations for yearly work will have to be voted on at this meeting. Please send me the recommendations for your line of work not later than January 15. Mail them to me at:

63 Auburn Avenue
Room 432
Atlanta, Georgia.

These, of course, will be mimeographed and put in the book of recommendations.

With the best of New Year's wishes to you,

Sincerely,

Dorothy Tilly

DT:mm

January 7, 1957

Mrs. W. L. Stancill
Dalton, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Stancill:

Time has come again for recommendations for the United Church Women of Georgia. I am sure you must have been thinking about legislation. Please let me have your recommendations not later than January 15. Mail them to me at:

63 Auburn Avenue
Room 432
Atlanta, Georgia.

You know I wish for you the best of everything in this New Year. It is wonderful to work for you.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Tilly

DT:mm

January 7, 1957

Mr. Howard D. Samuel
Executive Director,
The Sidney Hillman Foundation
15 Union Square West
New York 3, New York

Dear Mr. Samuel:

Dr. Mitchell has turned your letter of January 3, 1957 over to me to send you some material concerning editorials and news features which he mentioned in an earlier letter. It will take a few days, possibly, to get letters off and get copies of the particular editorials and news features we had in mind, but I plan to write pertinent letters today.

As soon as these items are received, I will mail them on to you.

If there is anything else that should be done concerning the news items, please let me know.

Sincerely,

John Constable,
Managing Editor, New South

JC:fc

January 7, 1957

Mr. L. Clyde Carter, Jr.
Assistant Professor of Sociology
Mary Washington College
Fredericksburg, Virginia

Dear Mr. Carter:

Thank you for your letter of the 4th. Fredericksburg has been mentioned in an SRC news release of this date. However, I trust the matter is handled in such a way as to cause no adverse reaction.

Please convey our best wishes for a quick recovery to Miss Foster, and know our appreciation for your attention to this matter during the busy season.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Information Services

PA:mm

January 7, 1957

Mr. Howard D. Roberts, Assistant Director
Florida Council on Human Relations
324 South Beach Street
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Howard:

In your letter of January 4 you ask about the Southern Conference Educational Fund out in New Orleans. Generally speaking, we believe this organization has been unwise in some of its activities and pronouncements. For example, in issuing invitations to a conference in Atlanta they listed down the side of the page "agencies invited to sponsor this conference." While it was true that these agencies had been "invited" to sponsor the conference, a number had declined, but the inference from the listing on the stationery was otherwise.

I would suggest that rather than giving funds to SCEF for the Tallahassee boycott group, funds be given directly to the Tallahassee Inter-Civic Council.

The matter of SCEF is a bit touchy and I will be glad to explore it further with you and Bill when I am there next week. I will also be glad to talk with you about matters you broached in a previous letter, which I have not yet answered because I knew I would be there fairly soon and these things can be talked through so much more easily than written about.

Best regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

January 8, 1957

Mr. Maxwell Hahn
The Field Foundation, Inc.
250 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Hahn:

Our warmest thanks for the Field Foundation's check in support of the publication of New South for 1957. An official receipt is enclosed.

You will be receiving from us shortly a report on what we were able to accomplish through New South with the aid of the Field Foundation grant during 1956.

The next time I am to be in New York, I will write you in the hope of fixing a convenient time for a conversation. Meanwhile, if we can at any time furnish any information or analysis that would be helpful, call on us.

With all good wishes.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mm

enclosure

January 8, 1957

Mr. Philip H. Coombs
The Fund for the Advancement of Education
655 Madison Avenue
New York 21, New York

Dear Phil:

Delighted to do the honors for Mr. Reddy. I strongly share your view that India, in particular, can benefit from a clearer view of our racial situation.

I hope the recent fusing of TFAE and the Ford Foundation means that 1957 will give you even more opportunities for fruitful work. All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mm

January 8, 1957

Mr. Harry Fleischman
National Labor Service
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Harry:

We would be happy to have our state affiliates receive "Let's Be Human" and your other materials as they appear. Enclosed is a list of names and addresses.

You're doing a fine public relations job on behalf of good human relations.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mm

enclosure

January 8, 1957

Mr. Fred Fuges
Director of Rights of Conscience Program
American Friends Service Committee, Inc.
20 South Twelfth Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Fred:

George Mitchell, who will be leaving us in about a week, has passed on to me your letter of January 3.

We'll be glad to serve as your informant on prospective litigation in Georgia and, for that matter, any that we learn of in the region. Enclosed is an up-to-date list of our state affiliates, so that you may establish direct communication with them.

I have just heard from Barbara Moffet regarding the forthcoming inter-agency meeting at Atlanta University on January 23-24. I gather our suggested limit of two representatives per agency was restrictive. I think it would be extremely useful for you to be present - and Barbara too, if she can make it; we would cheerfully waive the "quota" restrictions to that end.

Let me know at your earliest convenience if one or both of you can make it.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mm

enclosure

cc: Barbara Moffet

January 8, 1957

Mr. Oscar Cohen
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
515 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Oscar:

I made a serious but unsuccessful effort to get my notes of our discussion transcribed and sent to you earlier. I'm glad now I didn't succeed, for your notes are far superior to my own. You did a noble job of summarizing what from my viewpoint was a very fruitful conference.

I will be getting together with Art shortly to pursue our mutually agreed-upon plans. You will be hearing from us.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mm

January 8, 1957

Mr. A. Dudley Ward
Executive Director
Board of Social and Economic Relations
The Methodist Church
740 Rush Street
Chicago 11, Illinois

Dear Dudley:

The Reverend Mr. Cowart is, they tell me, a stalwart hereabouts.

Here is his history and his said-to-be supporters, and a long memorandum about a book he wants to write.

I sent the memorandum to the Fund for the Republic and asked them if they would float Mr. Cowart to write his book. They have just answered that it doesn't seem their tea party (though they were graver than this); and they thought maybe it would be yours.

I think Cowart is going to write the book anyhow.

But if you would make some arrangement with him, help him with a couple of thousand dollars while he writes it; or some arrangement that would hold fair promise of paying a couple of thousand dollars on a printed volume when printed, I am sure Mr. Cowart would be strengthened in his still not-formed resolve.

You have to get yourself into a queer Southern frame of mind. If the South were South Africa there would be no question about the propriety of an extensive literature exhibiting the gyrations through which Southerners must go in order to get themselves from point X -- which is old-timey and wrong -- to point Y -- which begins to be decent. Again in South Africa such volumes would appear unblushingly. And reaching the market of a small nation, they would be helpful.

It is perhaps our misfortune in the South that in a matter of a publication we are committed to the whole nation. And goodness knows the whole nation is not, and should not be, interested in the hoop-jumping which the Confederate mind goes through with to get from X to Y. And yet there must be twenty-five million white people who have got to get through the hoops! And it would be a very helpful thing if they were told in some books that old man Timson and old man Jimson got through the hoops O.K.

Have you got the imagination to help the guy do this job?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls.

bc: Mr. David F. Freeman

January 8, 1957

Herr Hans-Joachim Netzer
16 Franz Joseph Strasse
Munchen 13, Germany

Dear Mr. Netzer:

You were a kind and a sensitive friend to send me the book about the Heidelberg Castle. I could and did with great enjoyment read every word of its English; and a book in German I would have loved the pictures in, and have puzzled out a page or two, and then have lain aside, as too much for my taxiDeutsch. You did me a real turn, and I am deeply grateful. And Alice read and enjoyed it, too.

Do get somebody to put you in touch with my friend Karl Hefter, who runs what's left of the Jewish charities of Munich.

Alice and I sail for Schottland March 8th. And on some bright day we hope to see a Bayerishe fellow setting up as the High and Mighty the Koenig!

Come back! We loved having you. And we'll show on your doorstep, some day or other.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 8, 1957

Miss Anna Lord Strauss
27 East Sixty-Ninth Street
New York 21, New York

Dear Anna Lord Strauss:

Alice and I catch a boat March 8th, and will be in and around New York March 7th, putting on baggage and hoping to get in visits. If we are fortunate enough to find you at home that day, you may find us briefly on your doorstep.

I do appreciate your kind note.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 8, 1957

Mr. Harry L. Golden
Editor
The Carolina Israelite
Charlotte 1, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

I am coming through Charlotte briefly in the course of Wednesday, February 27th, New York bound to catch a boat March 8th.

I have already made a note in my book to stop in Charlotte and find you.

Would be helped by a postcard telling me roughly where to find your office.

It should be daytime and business hours when I will be busting through Charlotte. At a careless guess around late forenoon or early afternoon.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 8, 1957

Mr. C. H. Parrish
926 South Sixth Street
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear C. H.:

Many thanks for news from Daytona.

Fred tells me that the Roberts-Williams rift is healed. But I think rifts last longer than Fred thinks they do.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 8, 1957

Mr. H. B. Sissel
Associate Secretary
The Board of Christian Education
of the Presbyterian Church in the
United States of America
830 Witherspoon Building
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Ben:

All straight. I have notified the man at Rockwood that I am coming to your show as a resource man.

I haven't yet figured out how to get up yonder, but I will get there and be on time and I won't leave early.

I am exempt from the January 23-24 meeting in Atlanta, and expect to be packing furniture at home. But if occasion should offer for you to phone me or come out there, the telephone is DRake 3-5961, and the address is 906 Lullwater Road, N. E., (nine-tenths of the way to Emory), and you would be deeply welcome.

Lullwater is right, not Lollwater.

No part I can take in the business about the sound track. Me; I could understand it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 8, 1957

Mrs. P. L. Miles
55 Hibiscus Drive
Ormand Beach, Florida

Dear Mrs. Miles:

This relates to Mr. Parrish's run down to Ormand Beach and back. By agreement, duly notified to you in my letter of November 2, 1956, your group was to stand the expense of Parrish's travel Atlanta-Ormand Beach-Atlanta; and SRC was to stand the expense of Parrish's travel Kentucky-Atlanta-Kentucky. Atlanta-Ormand Beach-Atlanta end of the run mounted up as follows:

Train fare	$15.74	
Plane fare	23.60	
Total Travel		$39.34
Hotel		6.00
Airport transportation		3.50
Total expense		$48.84

Incidentally, Mr. Parrish's run cost SRC a days fee as a consultant and we are a'paying that uncomplainingly and in full.

But we do now bill you expectantly for the $48.84.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: RHA

January 8, 1957

Mr. Alfred Mynders
The Chattanooga Times
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Mynders:

I am only just today laying fingers upon your kind editorial of December 29th. I am grateful, and am as always an admirer of your skill in turning out what ought to be said (though you are unduly kind to GSM).

You have been a good friend, and I am sorry to be gone so far away from you. The best paper in the South is your paper.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 8, 1957

Mr. Nevin E. Kendell
Board of Christian Education
of the Presbyterian Church
1105 Witherspoon Building
Philadelphia 7, Pa.

Dear Mr. Kendell:

Your letter of December 28, 1956 to Mr. Harold Fleming has been turned over to me. I am very sorry but we have very few pictures available. I am sending you, under separate dover, four pictures that were taken in 1956 for another organization. Two of them show segregated facilities, on of them shows the Atlanta Railroad Terminal in a transition period, and the other shows interracial cooperation in the Cerebral Palsy Training Program here.

Harold and I agree that you might write Life magazine and request permission to use some of their pictures for their integration series. Life people are usually very generous in allowing their pictures to be used.

In one sentence you referred to the "Education Reporting Service" of our organization. Actually, we have no specific service by that name. I presume you refer to the Southern Education Reporting Service in Nashville, Tennessee. This group publishes Southern School News, and can be reached at P. O. Box 6156, Acklen Station, Nashville, Tennessee.

Please feel free to use any of the pictures we are mailing you, but we will very much appreciate their return after they have served your purpose.

If we can be of additional help, please do not hesitate to write us.

Sincerely,

John Constable,
Managing Editor, New South

JC:fc

January 8, 1957

Mr. Wallace Westfeldt
Nashville Tennessean
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Wallace:

Harold informs me that he has contacted you regarding the latest on the bus situation. I mailed you a letter on January 7, about the bus situation, and asking for some news items. Please disregard the information in my letter concerning the bus situation since Harold's supersedes mine, but I would still like the news items if available.

Thanks,

John Constable,
Managing Editor, New South

JC:fc

January 8, 1957

Mr. A. Dudley Ward
Board of Social and Economic Relations
The Methodist Church
740 Rush Street
Chicago 11, Illinois

Dear Mr. Ward:

In reply to your letter of January 3, I assure you I will do my best with the registration or anything else I am called upon to do at our meeting on the 28th and 29th.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) M.E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:mm

January 8, 1957

Miss Dorothy Height
President, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority
1814 M. Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Miss Height:

Thank you a whole heart full for the privilege of participating in your wonderfully stimulating and stirring national convention.

I certainly regret that I do have to send you an expense account, for the convention was worth more to me than I was worth to it.

It is a joy to know you. My, how I appreciate you!

With the best wishes to you in all your great work, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:mm

enclosure

Expense Account of:

Mrs. M.E. Tilly

63 Auburn Ave., N.E.

Atlanta, Ga.

Plane fare	$83.61
Bus fare to and from air port	5.50
Meals	1.50
Tips	1.50
Total:	$92.11

January 8, 1957

Mr. Hubert A. Elliott
Room 3022
Hotel Shelton
Lexington and 49th
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Elliott:

Thanks for your welcome letter.

As it happens, we have had an able man assisting in information for almost two years. He will be taking over such duties as I abandon on assuming the directorship of the Council.

I would, however, like to meet you one of these days and to that end will give you a call when I am in New York.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mm

January 9, 1957

Mr. Benjamin Segal
Fund for the Republic
1820 Jefferson Place, NW
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Ben:

Never a man did a nobler job of making a visit pleasant and effective. I am all gratitude, as is Emory.

Tell Lib how much we enjoyed the dinner and evening, and Doris how much we enjoyed her hostessing.

Enclosed is a copy of a letter giving the plans for the Jan. 23-24 meeting. Let us know if you'll want accommodations at Atlanta University.

Best,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director

HCF:fc
Encl.

January 2, 1957

COPY

We have been advised that you will represent your agency at the conference to be held at Atlanta University in Atlanta, Georgia, on January 23-24, 1957. This will be a meeting of Southern field representatives of agencies participating in the newly formed Consultative Conference on Desegregation, as well as a follow-up of the Tuskegee conference of October 24-25, 1956.

The meeting is scheduled to begin with lunch at 12:30 p.m. in Atlanta University Dining Hall located in the dormitory building at 50 Chestnut Street, Southwest. The first session will convene at 2:00 p.m.

Meals for all participants and lodging for out-of-town representatives have been arranged for at Atlanta University. Lodging and meals will be paid for by the sponsors of the conference through the assistance of the Fund for the Republic. Transportation costs must be borne by the participating agencies. Out-of-town participants should check in at the dormitories (address as above) with Mrs. Murphy or Mrs. Anderson.

Meetings will be held in the conference room of the Atlanta University Administration Building located at 223 Chestnut Street, S. W. The first session will be from 2:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 23; the conference will end with a morning session on Thursday, January 24 (9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.). There will also probably be a night session on the evening of January 23, (Wednesday).

Please let us know the expected time of your arrival, and whether or not you will want to be housed at Atlanta University.

Sincerely,

G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant

GSA:bsc

January 9, 1957

Mr. R. Delbert Byrum
The General Board of Education
The Methodist Church
1001 Nineteenth Avenue, South
Nashville 2, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Byrum:

Your letter of January 4th was received by me with a good deal of interest. I am delighted that you will have a course on THE CHRISTIAN AND RACE and I am glad that my schedule is such that I can be with you at A. & I. College, July 15-19.

Thanking you for the privilege and with best wishes for your new work, I remain

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:mm

January 9, 1957

Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel
Detroit 31, Michigan

Gentlemen:

I was surprised to get your bill for room for my stay December 28, 1956. I was a guest and on the program of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Convention and was told to sign the hotel bill. My first impulse was to immediately mail you a check, but there is a possibility of a mix-up somewhere, so I am referring the bill to the sorority and am sure you or I one will hear from the national office and the matter will be most assuredly taken care of at an early date.

In this connection I wish to say that I, as a Southern white woman, was deeply appreciative of the hospitality and courtesy that you extend to all the people and I long for the day when this will be the pattern of every hotel in our nation.

Yours very truly,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:mm

cc: Miss Dorothy Height, President, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority

January 9, 1957

Mr. Walter C. Cowart
East Lake Methodist Church
2500 Boulevard Drive, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Cowart:

I had word yesterday from the Fund for the Republic that they thought floating your book was not their dish of tea. They opined that perhaps Dudley Ward and the Abingdon Press could be interested. I have written Dudley Ward with all possible emphasis and urging.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Same letter to:

Oscar Cohen
Benjamin Segal
Tartt Bell
Irene Osborne
Richard C. Royce

January 9, 1957

Mr. M. T. Puryear
National Urban League
250 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Puryear:

We have been advised that you will represent your agency at the conference to be held at Atlanta University in Atlanta, Georgia, on January 23-24, 1957. This will be a meeting of Southern field representatives of agencies participating in the newly formed Consultative Conference on Desegregation, as well as a follow-up of the Tuskegee conference of October 24-25, 1956.

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Please let us know the expected time of your arrival, and whether or not you will want to be housed at Atlanta University.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA/esb

January 9, 1957

Mr. Huber F. Klemme
Commission on Christian Social Action
of the Evangelical and Reformed Church
2969 West 25th Street
Cleveland 13, Ohio

Dear Mr. Klemme:

In answer to your letter of January 7, 1957, requesting reprint permission of Dr. Benjamin Mays' speech, we have no objection. It is proper, however, to request reprint permission from the author as well as the publication, and we suggest that you write Dr. Mays in regard to this. We will be grateful if you credit both the Southern Regional Council and the Southern Historical Association if you reprint this material.

Incidentally, we were very interested in seeing the use Mr. Chester L. Marcus made of the material from October New South in your January, 1957, issue of Christian Community.

Sincerely,

John Constable,
Managing Editor, New South

JC:fc

January 9, 1957

Miss Mabel A. Harley
The Pennsylvania Baptist Convention
1703 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia 3, Pa.

Dear Miss Harley:

Thank you for your letter of January 8, 1957 requesting reprint permission from our magazine New South. We grant reprint permission on any of the original material appearing in New South if the publication gives proper credit. It is not necessary to request this permission each time. However, other material that we use, such as the item you mentioned from Christian Century, are used with the permission from the original publication. It is usual procedure to secure reprint privilege from the original magazine, and I would suggest that you write the people at the Christian Century. They are very generous with reprint permission.

Again, thanks for your interest, and if we can be of further help, please do not hesitate co call upon us.

Sincerely,

John Constable,
Managing Editor, New South

JC:fc

January 9, 1957

Miss Judith Hershcopf
Rabbi Arthur Gilbert
Department of Interreligious Cooperation
Anti-Defamation League
515 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Friends:

I appreciate your invitation to serve as a resource consultant at the National Women's Conference on Intergroup Relations, April 3-5.

I have cleared the dates so that I may be with you. Your National Conference sounds very interesting to me and I am delighted to share in it with the other consultants you have listed, as I happen to know all of them.

The best of wishes for your convention and for the work that you are doing.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:mm

January 9, 1957

Mr. Oscar Cohen
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
515 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Oscar:

Art called me and asked that I send you a list of names and addresses of people in Miami who would be interested in a human relations workshop or work session.

Here follows the list:

(1) Booker T. Washington High School:

Mrs. Mayme Williams
Miss Marie Roberts
Mrs. Ethel Graham

(2) Rev. Edward T. Graham
Mt. Zion Baptist Church

(3) University of Miami, Coral Gables:

Malcom Ross, University Editor
(Director of FEPC under FDR)
Don Sprague and Dean Eppley, Department of Human Relations
Dr. H. Franklin Williams, Vice President

(4) Mr. Daniel Lang
Greater Miami Urban League

(5) Mr. Hollis Rinehart
Atty. - Ingrahm Building

(6) Seamore Samet
American Jewish Committee

(7) Father Theodore Gibson
Christ Episcopal Church
Coconut Grove
(NAACP)

(8) Dr. Hawkins, Dentist
(Reachable through Rev. Graham)

(9) Rev. Caxton Doggett
Rader Memorial Methodist Church
(President, Florida Council on Human Relations)

Hope this will be of some help to you.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

January 9, 1957

Mr. Cabell Phillips
Washington Bureau
The New York Times
1701 K Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Cabell:

Sorry the old boys didn't see it.

I sent it off to The Progressive much improved by NYT editing. Hope maybe they will take it.

We will expect to come to see you when we get to Washington.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 8, 1957

Mr. Morris Hoffman, Director
Southeast Regional Office
American Jewish Congress
Room 906 Congress Building
111 N.E. 2nd Avenue
Miami 32, Florida

Dear Mr. Hoffman:

We are very happy that you plan to attend the conference at Atlanta University on January 23-24, 1957. We will make arrangements for your housing at the Atlanta University dormitory beginning Tuesday, January 22, 1957.

We are also enclosing a copy of the report on the Tuskegee meeting.

Sincerely yours,

G.S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

Enclosure

GSA/bsc

January 9, 1957

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Marion:

Here is what the New York Times people wrote.

I have sent the piece somewhat restored to The Progressive.

Hope they will take it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

January 9, 1957

Mr. J. Burt Bouwman
American Friends Service Committee
Twenty South Twelfth Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Bouwman:

In reply to your letter of January 2, I will wait until you are in Atlanta on the 24th to discuss with you about the possibility of any meetings that could be arranged. I'll be in the office on the morning of the 24th, but that afternoon and all the next day, even the evening hours, I will be tied up in another meeting.

I am interested in your suggestions for an exploratory conference and will be glad to discuss it with you.

Cordially,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

MET:[illegible]

January 9, 1957

Dr. Roy McCorkel
National Conference of Christians & Jews
43 West 57th Street
New York 19, New York

Dear Dr. McCorkel:

By leaving here early by plane, I can reach Washington in plenty of time for the opening of the conference at 9:30. My return flight is scheduled to leave Washington at 6:05, so I believe I'll be able to stay with you through all the hours of the conference.

Looking forward to being with you, I remain

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's
Work

MET:mm

January 9, 1957

Mr. W. D. Weatherford, Ph.D.
Black Mountain,
North Carolina

Dear Mr. Weatherford:

I am sorry I have taken so long to do the review. But I wanted to read each chapter, and did.

Here is the review, which you are welcome to use in any way you may care to.

I will leave it here, commending it to those who manage New South and will hope that when news reaches us of the publication of the book, New South will wish to carry the review. But that won't be my decision!

It has been a choice matter to be into your mind. Much nurture to the mental life of all Mitchells has floated from your mind.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

P. S. I went through my copy of the manuscript with a proof-reader's careful eye. I made marginal messes opposite any misspellings. The misspellings reached crescendo on the Frenchy names in the Catholic chapter. Whatever you do, do not allow the book to go to press without scrupulous restudy of those proper names.

American Churches and the Negro: A Historical Study from Early Slavery Days to the Present, by W. D. Weatherford, Ph.D. Christopher Publishing House, Boston, Massachusetts. 1956.

Dr. Weatherford's was one of the earliest of the modern Southern white consciences to show sensitivity to the problems of race in the South. In a long lifetime he has often put a firm voice and a deft hand into progress, and there is a goodly roll of books that he has written about these matters.

Now he comes to the heart of the problem. What happened to Christianity when it encountered slavery?

He takes them up denomination by denomination and shows from the record what happened. Here are the Baptists and the Methodists and the Presbyterians and the Lutherans and the Quakers and the Catholics and the Epicopalians and some more. It is his thesis that in the later decades of slavery the official Christian position in the South was that a heavy duty was owed to Christianising the slaves. And such documents as can be adduced to show that the duty was performed are adduced. He proves his case that at widely scattered places Christian impulse led white persons to a degree of association with Negro Christians unexampled in later decades.

What he also proves, and not unintentionally I suppose, is that out of the conflict between slavery and religion the South learned the evil language of sham; of legalistic defensiveness; of conscienceless compromise with principle. I say that the record on this is not incidentally adduced because in a crashing last chapter where he comes out hard for a flood of religious purpose that shall wash away this dross, he says, "We as Christians claim that all men are equal in the sight of God, and yet our caste system makes it impossible to live up to our Christian conscience. We must hedge and defend and justify at every turn in our life."

He gives the first steps in each local community toward reconciliation -- a joint and open ministerial association, interchange of pulpits, and church membership open to any who are open to the spirit of God.

It is a part of the thesis of the book that the ante-bellum South, so much harked back to in deference these days, knew and promoted a Christianity which overleaped the barrier of race. And yet he must, and freely does, admit that the Christianizing efforts of slaveholders was compounded of conscience-salving and the old argument, "Out of savagery into the light." And goes on to prove that in the decades after freedom, Southern white Christians dropped almost every vestige of care to make Christians of Negro persons. Dr. Weatherford probably wrote this book to prove that Christian purpose in the South once embraced the whole people; what he also proves (and conclusively) is that Christian purpose cannot much longer endure in the South unless it surmounts the hurdle of race.

By: George S. Mitchell

January 9, 1957

Mr. Howard Kester
Fellowship of Southern Churchmen
Black Mountain, North Carolina

Dear Buck:

I should not; just because I am about to leave. My last day of duty for the Southern Regional Council is January 15th. And by the time of the April Conference I will be floating around the Highlands of Scotland.

It is one of the miseries of giving up your job that you have to cut cords that bind you out in 500 different directions. And I don't know anything to do but to just take scissors and snip 'em.

In purpose I am with you — emphatically and for good. But running the Council has to turn into Harold Fleming's business January 16th and I don't think I ought to leave the man with a shadowy commitment hung over for me.

Incidentally Harold is the best of eggs, and will do a grand job.

I congratulate you on all that has been done. Seems most wise and helpful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

P. S. You and your nice wife, and any Kesters to the remotest generation, are please sometime to show in Scotland. We intend to build a two-unit motel next door to our croft and every year when it has taken in enough to hit the bottom bracket of British income taxes, I will open her up for free. So come late and stay for good. Proposed site is on a map as Applecross; but I may not be able to find a spot there.

January 9, 1957

Miss Mary Dolan
Friendship House
4233 South Indiana Avenue
Chicago 13, Illinois

Dear Mary Dolan:

The *New York Times* maggie didn't take my piece. Implication was that if I had perhaps given the white folks more h---, I would have got in.

So I sent it to *The Progressive* in Madison, Wisconsin.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 9, 1957

Mr. John G. Feild
Executive Director
Fair Employment Practices Commission
129 Mason Building
Lansing, Michigan

Dear John:

You are too kind, but I am deeply grateful. You and your wife have been good friends to me.

If I have shed a fact or a shove here and there, that is what I ought to be doing.

You are both and all to show in Scotland. Hunt on the map for a place named Applecross. I expect I can be close to there.

At the College at East Lansing newly teaches a man named Joe Fishman, and his wife, Rae, who doesn't teach but baby-sits — personally. They are good eggs and I hope you will be acquainted with them.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 9, 1957

Mr. Nat Griswold
211 Izard Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

Every now and then I have to say nice things about somebody myself. But I run out after a half a paragraph.

And you were able to keep chugging for a whole page!

Good man!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 10, 1957

Miss Willa Dean Lindsay
810 S. Broad Street
Cairo, Georgia

Dear Miss Lindsay:

At our workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned, there was a question raised as to what you could do in a rural community to ease tensions arising from the Supreme Court decision. I know that you yourself can work this out better than any suggestions that I might have to offer, but there is one very good contribution that you can make to aid us about the temper of rural Georgia. Please be listeners for us, and list statements and reactions you hear. We would like to hear from you rather quickly now, and then we ask you everyonce in a while to give us a report. You are working in difficult times, but your own poise and understanding of the emotions of your people and your own Christian living will surely have its effect.

With love and appreciation for all you are doing, I remain

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly

MET:mm

January 10, 1957

Miss Patricia Bennett
Buena Vista, Georgia

Dear Miss Bennett:

At our workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned, there was a question raised as to what you could do in a rural community to ease tensions arising from the Supreme Court decision. I know that you yourself can work this out better than any suggestions that I might have to offer, but there is one very good contribution that you can make to aid us about the temper of rural Georgia. Please be listeners for us, and list statements and reactions you hear. We would like to hear from you rather quickly now, and then we ask you every once in a while to give us a report. You are working in difficult times, but your own poise and understanding of the emotions of your people and your own Christian living will surely have its effect.

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Yours sincerely,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly

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January 10, 1957

Miss Betty Jo Hill
Box 373
Forsyth, Georgia

Dear Miss Hill:

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Yours sincerely,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly

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January 10, 1957

Mr. Oscar Cohen
Anti-Defamation League
of B'nai B'rith
515 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Oscar:

True, I'm gone, but the show's in the best of hands. And if you guys who are our friends will hang on we'll be doing a good deal better, in a still tough situation.

But you give us all courage.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Sent to all members of Executive Committee.

January 10, 1957

Mr. B. R. Brazeal
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Brazeal:

Attached is a notice of the next meeting of the Executive Committee, January 29-30 at Atlanta University.

This is to express your staff's most earnest hope that you can be present. As you know, this will be the first meeting following the Annual Meeting and the change in directors, and the matters to be considered are basic to the future of SRC. Among them will be: reorientation of program activities, changes in staff structure, plans for major financing in the period ahead, and, not least important, SRC's most effective role in the currently frenetic Southern scene.

In addition, the dinner meeting of January 29 will be in honor of Dr. Mitchell as he ends a decade of service to SRC and the South. Not only Executive Committee members, but also Atlanta SRC Board members and key people from the Atlanta community will join in this occasion.

We of the staff feel that this is a time of great challenge to SRC, but also a time rich in opportunities for effective action to speed desegregation. Together, we can make an invaluable contribution to the South's future.

Please let us know on the enclosed postal card that you will be here.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director Elect

HCF:mm
enclosure

January 10, 1957

Mr. Patrick M Malin, Director
American Civil Liberties Union
170 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Malin:

For your information we are enclosing a copy of a letter sent to Mr. Richard C. Royce in regard to the January 23 - 24 Conference here in Atlanta.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative

Enclosure

GSA/bsc

January 10, 1957

Mr. Stanton E. Smith
Tennessee State Labor Council
939 Church Street
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Stanton Smith:

Here is the booklet I mentioned to you over the phone. Hope you will find it helpful.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV/eab
Encl.

January 10, 1957

Miss Judy Cassell
1080 Somerville Street
Manchester, New Hampshire

Dear Miss Cassell:

We are sending you the following items to assist in your study of the segregation issue in Georgia and the South.

A reprint of "Report on the South"
Three Views of the Segregation Decision
What's Happening in School Integration
New South, December 1956
A reprint of "The Angry South"
An Atlanta Journal and Constitution summary of 1956 news in Georgia

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

January 10, 1957

Miss Ann Pearre
Young Harris College
Young Harris, Georgia

Dear Miss Pearre:

At our workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned, there was a question raised as to what you could do in a rural community to east tensions arising from the Supreme Court decision. I know that you yourself can work this out better than any suggestions that I might have to offer, but there is one very good contribution that you can make to aid us about the temper of rural Georgia. Please be listeners for us, and list statements and reactions you hear. We would like to hear from you rather quickly now, and then we ask you every once in a while to give us a report. You are working in difficult times, but your own poise and understanding of the emotions of your people and your own Christian living will surely have its effect.

With love and appreciation for all you are doing, I remain

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly

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January 10, 1957

Miss Acka Lewis
Funston, Georgia

Dear Miss Lewis:

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With love and appreciation for all you are doing, I remain

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly

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January 10, 1957

Miss Thelma Smalley
Lincolnton, Georgia

Dear Miss Smalley:

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With love and appreciation for all you are doing, I remain

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly

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January 10, 1957

Miss Virginia Courtney
1347 Cave Spring Road
Rome, Georgia

Dear Miss Courtney:

At our workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned, there was a question raised as to what you could do in a rural community to ease tensions arising from the Supreme Court decision. I know that you yourself can work this out better than any suggestions that I might have to offer, but there is one very good contribution that you can make to aid us about the temper of rural Georgia. Please be listeners for us, and list statements and reactions you hear. We would like to hear from you rather quickly now, and we ask you every once in a while to give us a report. You are working in difficult times, but your own poise and understanding of the emotions of your people and your own Christian living will surely have its effect.

With love and appreciation for all you are doing, I remain

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly

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January 10, 1957

Miss Addie Mae Jamieson
483 College Street
Macon, Georgia

Dear Miss Jamieson:

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With love and appreciation for all you are doing, I remain

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly

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January 10, 1957

Mr. Ralph Rose
Friends World Committee
Wilmington College
Wilmington, Ohio

Dear Ralph:

That was mighty kind of you.

The pleasant feature is that we will have a two-unit motel next door to our croft, and every year when it has earned enough to get money to the bottom of the British income tax, I will open the motel for free. So all Roses must come late and stay long.

I earnestly hope you and your family turn up!

I have lately been reviewing a book that old Dr. W. D. Weatherford has done (not yet out), about the churches in the South. Presbys, Piskies, Methodists, Baptists, what have you, they topple before the steam-roller of slavery. Old John Woolman in 1747 said, "This is an evil and corrupting thing, and no Christian should have anything to do with it." Hence Wilmington, Ohio.

I have found a real friend in you, and I don't want to let go.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Same letter to:

Miss Edith Davidson

January 11, 1957

Miss Lillian Chernoff
Southern Interstate Regional
National Council of Jewish Women
One West Forty-Seventh Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Miss Chernoff:

We have been advised that you will represent your agency at the conference to be held at Atlanta University in Atlanta, Georgia, on January 23-24, 1957. This will be a meeting of Southern field representatives of agencies participating in the newly formed Consultative Conference on Desegregation, as well as a follow-up of the Tuskegee conference of October 24-25, 1956.

The meeting is scheduled to begin with lunch at 12:30 p.m. in Atlanta University's Dining Hall located in the dormitory building at 50 Chestnut Street, Southwest. The first session will convene at 2:00 p.m.

Meals for all participants and lodging for out-of-town representatives have been arranged for at Atlanta University. Lodging and meals will be paid for by the sponsors of the conference through the assistance of the Fund for the Republic. Transportation costs must be borne by the participating agencies. Out-of-town participants should check in at the dormitories (address as above) with Mrs. Murphy or Mrs. Anderson.

Meetings will be held in the conference room of the Atlanta University Administration Building located at 223 Chestnut Street, S. W. The first session will be from 2:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 23; the conference will end with a morning session on Thursday, January 24 (9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.). There will also probably be a night session on the evening of January 23, (Wednesday).

Please let us know the expected time of your arrival, and whether or not you will want to be housed at Atlanta University.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA/eab

cc: Miss Stella Eberlin

January 11, 1957

Mr. Harry L. Golden
Editor
The Carolina Israelite
P. O. Box 2505
Charlotte 1, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

I'll help, and I'm always hungry, and I would love to see you and your friends. Can promise to be on your office doorstep at between 12:00 and 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 27th. You pick your friends. Alice will be with me. I state, not necessarily as influencing your choices, that among those I would hunt up in Charlotte myself are Harry Jones, Boyd Peyton (TWUA) and Carey Haigler (AFL-CIO). Alice and I have a cousin thereabouts (Mrs. James Armstrong) and we will visit her that afternoon, and then head out toward Greensboro.

Prospectively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 11, 1957

AIR MAIL

Miss Katharine Taylor
41 Hawthorn Street
Cambridge 38, Massachusetts

Dear Miss Taylor:

I am happy to know that the arrangements are made for your trip to Atlanta. We have reserved a room for you at the Atlantan Hotel for January 22-26.

In Washington a few days ago, I had a very pleasant luncheon with Mrs. Harrison. She seemed delighted by the news of your impending visit to Atlanta.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/eab

January 11, 1957

Mr. David F. Freeman
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
60 East Forty-Second Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Dave:

Here is a list of staff persons designated by their agencies to attend the conference on the 23rd and 24th. A very few more may yet come in — but, if so, they may be matched by last-minute drop-outs.

You will note that 11 of the 29 listed are from Atlanta, so won't require accommodations. The same will be true, of course, of our Atlanta staff members. Thus we should be well within the limits of the Tuskegee meeting.

I hope you will find it possible to come.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/eab
Encl.

cc: Mr. Frank S. Loescher

January 11, 1957

Mr. Martin Deutsch
465 West End Avenue
New York 24, New York

Dear Marty:

Thanks for your informative letter, with the welcome news that the SPSSI Committee will be publishing through Public Affairs Pamphlets. This makes good sense to me, and your description of the projected pamphlet sounds excellent.

I've been cudgelling my brain for possible sources of money for your coordinating conference, without any notable results. Have you made any estimate of what such a conference would cost? I can at least keep pushing the idea with such philanthropoids as I know. Often this process of attrition pays off in the end.

I expect to be in New York the next-to-last week in February and will give you a call. Meanwhile all the best to you and Cyn.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/eab

January 11, 1957

Mr. P. D. East
P. O. Box 349
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Dear Mr. East:

By all means come to see us on your way to New York in February! We'd like nothing better than to pool our disreputability with yours for a good conversation.

I'm looking forward to seeing your book, and I have floated the idea of somebody angelling a promotion leaflet for the Petal Paper as a means of recruiting more subscribers. Does this make sense to you?

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/eab

January 11, 1957

Mr. Edwin J. Lukas
The American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Ed:

Thanks for your letter of January 3, and for the reprints of the Rorty piece. We are using them sparingly, mostly to background reporters and magazine writers dealing with the prosegregation movement.

As for Operation Petal Pusher, we can easily select 100 Southern editors who should receive the paper. Let me know what you decide.

Also, what would you think of the possibility of somebody angelling a flock of inexpensive promotion leaflets that organizations could mail out urging subscriptions?

East writes that he is to be in Atlanta the first week in February, on his way to New York. We'll talk with him then, as I imagine you will.

Best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/eab

January 11, 1957

Miss Barbara W. Moffett
Secretary
Community Relations Program
American Friends Service Committee
Twenty South Twelfth Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Barbara:

We are delighted that Tartt and Irene will be with us on January 23-24. As I wrote Fred Fuges the other day, we'd gladly stretch the rules to have you two as well.

Let us, by all means, further the relationship between AFSC and SRC. We count you among our closest and most appreciated allies.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/eab

January 11, 1957

Mr. Milton C. Vigo
Louisiana Council on Human Relations
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans 12, La.

Dear Milton:

I share with you a sense of deep regret that the Executive Committee of the La. Council seems disinterested in the organization. I suspect you need to spend more time cultivating their interest and increasing their commitment.

I can be present for consultation and a meeting the first week in February. I cannot be present the last week in January, for SRC is having its Executive Committee meeting at that time.

Best wishes,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

January 11, 1957

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

Thanks for your letter of January 2.

The memorandum on tax exemption was sent to each state office and to Mr. Joseph Haas, as well as to every member of our Executive Committee. This exhausted our supply, though more might be mimeographed if that is considered necessary.

The Georgia application is still on appeal within the Internal Revenue Service. You may recall that Morris Abram was employed, at a set fee, to handle this matter until it is decided by the IRS. I am not clear as to the propriety of involving Joseph Haas. What is your view?

The Kentucky application was provisionally approved by the District Director of Internal Revenue, but is now under review by the Washington office. The Kentucky Council is preparing answers to a list of questions submitted by the IRS. They understand that their proposed answers are to be sent to us, at which time we will ask Mr. Haas to review them in the light of the original application.

We will discuss these and other questions of tax exemption at the forthcoming Executive Committee meeting. I hope to get a draft of the agenda to you soon.

Best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/eab

January 11, 1957

Mr. John W. Alexander
Director
School Program
American Friends Service Committee
617 West Market Street
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear John:

Don't be unduly discouraged by the lack of receptivity among school people; unfortunately, that seems to be a general condition. All the more reason to bring our resources to bear on private community leadership.

Your idea of pastor-consultants falls well within the limits of our concept of the program — provided we can find the right ones. We are now canvassing the possibilities and you'll hear further from us soon.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/eab

TO: JC
PA ** FOR YOUR INFORMATION

January 11, 1957

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

We could run off additional copies of our releases for you without any trouble. The next time we put out something suitable, we will do so.

Glad to have the information about Spartanburg's buses and would welcome a current report. We checked only those cities where (according to our files) the transit systems had announced an official change of policy. We didn't have Spartanburg, and our information was that Columbia's changes were the result of quiet flouting of local regulations rather than an official revision of the rules. Is that correct?

Undoubtedly there are more than 21 cities where some mixed seating is found. But in order to keep our findings unchallengeable, we stuck to places that we knew had clearly changed both in policy and practice.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/esb

P. S. The Camden sermon is very, very good. We will order some additional copies.

January 11, 1957

Mr. Hal G. Lewis
College of Education
University of Florida
Gainesville, Florida

Dear Hal:

Very nice to hear from you. I had been aware that you were part of the Board of the Florida show; and so had followed you from afar.

As to the map speech; last summer the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. (in the person of Ben Sissel, 830 Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia) had it made into a 28-minute movie. That meant squshing out old man Will Driggers, but the rest mostly survives. Sissel thinks the sound track is bum but I think it is accurate. Sissel is supposed to have the movie rentably. Holler at him.

As to Race in the News. Quite out of print. I will LEND you one copy on condition that you honest-to-Lord send it back. I have always heard that the Gainesville paper is particularly unenlightened.

Best thing to do is to have several influential local church ladies read the pamphlet, and take a copy along on a visit to the man who runs (or owns) the paper. I rather think something like this has been tried with the Gainesville man. That works, though, when nothing else will.

I am about to knock off (January 15th) and sail for Scotland, for good and all. Come and stay with us, in a guest-house we'll have next door. Hunt up a spot named Applecross, and ask out from there.

Best luck,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

January 11, 1957

Most Reverend Joseph B. Brunini, V.G.
St. Peter's Catholic Church
123 North West Street
P. O. Box 57
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Monsignor:

How very kind of you to write me.

I am regretful about going, but I do honestly feel that I have put in some whacks. And I am convinced that Harold Fleming will do a better job of keeping things going than I could. I am after all a New Dealer and a Trade Unionist and a Roosevelt Democrat; and in this sad time these things seem little called for!

Delighted that they will make you a Bishop. I wish I were to be hereabouts to see you the more empurpled.

You have one of the most difficult jobs in the Church today; and you perform it with skill and with brave purpose.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

In your journeyings you will get within reach of Scotland, and you must please some early day stop and see us. We hope to be near a spot called Applecross, and there will be a guest-place for you, and the warmest welcome I can contrive. Including, literally, and great splurge of peat-heat.

January 11, 1957

Mr. Marshall Bragdon
Executive Director, The Mayor's Friendly Relations Committee
105 City Hall
Cincinnati 2, Ohio

Dear Marsh:

Indeed I do think it would be helpful for our state affiliates to receive your monthly and annual reports, and other occasional publications you put out. I am enclosing a list of their names and addresses.

Regarding your proposed trip to Miami to be the speaker at the annual dinner of the Dade County Council on Human Relations, I have this to say: Go! Seriously, I know that you would do a bang-up job, and Miami, after all, is not the deep South, but is a community made up largely of people from the North and the Midwest. But, one more word on this subject in general. I am not one of those who hold the position that only Southerners should make speeches to Southern audiences. The South is back in the main stream of American life and any American should be able to speak his mind in the Southern area. A sensitive person such as you are would, of course, take into consideration "where his audience is," but the truth is basically the same in Columbia, S.C., in New York City, or in Cincinnati.

I am glad that you thought well of Ed Murrow's program on the Clinton situation. It is being shown fairly widely in the South, in fact, it is scheduled here in Atlanta Sunday, the 13th.

As you probably know, I have been approached several times about the Detroit job and though the challenge of the job and the salary connected with it are enticing, I could not in good conscience leave the South at this point. I still believe that we will demonstrate here that a democratic society is capable of granting first class citizenship to all of its people, or is unworthy of the support of any.

Best wishes to you and Mrs. B, and also my good friends, Jenny and Janet.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

enclosure

January 11, 1957

Miss Mary Davis
Box 382
Longwood College
Farmville, Virginia

Dear Mary:

It was good to be with you at the Davidson conference of the U.S.C.C. You asked about the statistics I used in my speech. I am not sure to which statistics you refer, but assume you meant those pertaining to IQ test results.

I am enclosing our magazine New South for November, 1956, which contains some information you will find useful. I would refer you also to An American Dilemma, by Gunnar Myrdal, Harper & Bros., New York, 1944 (with particular reference to Chapters 4, 5, and 6).

Also see Research Reports, November, 1956, Vol. 3, No. 2, published by the Anti-Defamation League. In this you will find a report by Dr. Robert D. North, who was born in Pascagoula, Mississippi. In contrasting attainment on IQ tests, he bears out what I said, that Negroes from some Northern states scored higher on an average than whites from some Southern states. "Not only had Negroes from some Northern states scored higher than Southern Negroes; the Negro recruits from three of the highest scoring states had higher averages than whites from the lowest scoring southern states. The figures for the Alpha test (given to literates) are:

	WHITES			NEGROES	
State	**No. of Cases**	**Median Score**	**State**	**No. of Cases**	**Median Score**
Arkansas	618	41.0	New York	850	44.5
Kentucky	832	41.0	Ohio	152	48.8
Mississippi	665	40.8	Illinois	578	46.9

This would bear out the belief of most prominent psychologists that rade in itself is not a factor in intelligence; that attainment in intelligence tests is largely dependent upon environment and good education.

I hope this helps you, and if you need any more information, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

enclosure

January 11, 1957

Mrs. Walter Stancill
Box 1076
Dalton, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Stancill:

Happy New Year to you!

Well, I am getting the recommendations ready for the annual meeting on the 25th.

I think your legislation will have to be so current that I will not try to put it in the booklet of recommendations - but if you will let me have them by the morning of the 24th, I can have plenty of copies mimeographed, unless you want to mimeograph them yourself.

These are exciting times, aren't they?

Love,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly,

MET:mm

cc: Box 1285
Gainesville, Georgia

January 11, 1957

Mrs. Gilbert A. Harrison
3556 Macomb Avenue, N.E.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mrs. Harrison:

Enclosed is a memorandum which undertakes to give a more concrete idea of what has been done through the Consultant Service Program so far. I am sending Mr. Eagle enough copies to send one to each of the Foundation's trustees if he cares to do so.

I enjoyed our luncheon together immensely. It's nice to meet a kindred spirit who knows our province right down to its dietary peculiarities!

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mm

Enclosure

January 11, 1957

Miss Katherine Taylor
41 Hawthorne Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Miss Taylor:

Here is a memorandum we have put together as an attempt to add some concreteness to our earlier reports on the consultant program. Copies are being sent to Mrs. Harrison and Mr. Eagle, with enough additional copies to Mr. Eagle to enable him to circularize the Trustees if he wishes.

I hope this will be helpful as background for our coming conversations.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mm

Enclosure

January 11, 1957

Mr. Vernon A. Eagle
New World Foundation
120 South LaSalle Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Mr. Eagle:

I have heard both from Frank Loescher and Mrs. Harrison of your new position with the New World Foundation. It's good to encounter a name that became familiar in the youthful days of AVC!

Frank told me that you felt the need of more concrete information about what we have been doing through the consultant program. The enclosed memo is an attempt in that direction. I am sending copies to Mrs. Harrison and to Miss Taylor, who, as you no doubt know, will pay us a visit in a couple of weeks.

I am enclosing additional copies in case you wish to pass them on to your trustees or others.

We're hoping you will be able to make an expedition to the South before long. Meanwhile, call on us if we can supply information that will be helpful.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mm

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MR. MILTON C. VIGO
303 BOARD OF TRADE ANNEX BUILDING
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

RE MY LETTER ON ITEM CONFLICT FUND-RAISING EXPEDITE REPLY.

GEORGE S. MITCHELL

January 11, 1957

Mr. Frank Blair, News Editor
TODAY Program,
NBC Telivision Network
Rockefellow Center, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Blair:

For some time we have admired the thoroughness and accuracy of your morning news report. This is especially true in regard to your coverage of recent disturbances here in the South.

This morning, however, in referring to the suspension of bus service in Montgomery, you commented that, "bus integration has ended in the South." In reference to Montgomery, this is correct. But, throughout the South there is some marked progress in bus desegregation. In this regard, SRC made a spot check last week to determine the extent of this progress, and a news release was prepared from our findings. Since the time of this release, Chattanooga also has desegregated its buses. This release has received considerable attention, including coverage on NBC "Monitor". We are enclosing a copy of the release. Perhaps, as background material, it may be of some value to you in your future coverage of this subject.

Again -- our expression of appreciation for the excellent coverage of confusing subjects at a difficult time.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony,
Information Services

PA:FC
Encl.

January 14, 1956

Mr. Edward Reed
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Ed:

I hope I haven't delayed too long in answering your letter about "America's Tenth Man". I wanted to check with one or two Agencies about the possibility of other channels of distribution. We feel that the division of 100 for public libraries and 350 for Negro High School libraries is a bit disproportionate. As you know, the YMCA and YWCA have student Y's on college campuses throughout the South, as elsewhere. The YWCA staffers here say that copies supplied to their student units would be widely used. They have about 200 student Y's in the South, some all white, some all Negro, and some mixed. What would you think of allocating 100 to 150 copies to this distribution? If you think well of it, we will secure the best list from the Y office here. (The YWCA handles these things somewhat better than the YMCA, but the copies distributed might be expected to be shared by the student units of both.)

We will be glad to supply the list of desegregated public libraries and to write a letter to each of them, as you suggested. You were altogether right in supposing that we would like for you to undertake to mail it.

I am sorry to learn that the Carmichael film didn't work out. We may proceed unilaterally to try to get a print.

My warmest thanks for your kind words about the new job. With best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director

HCF:fc

January 14, 1957

Mr. P. D. East
P. O. Box 349
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Dear Mr. East;

I will be forwarding in a day or two, $300 for an additional 100 subscriptions. This amount, plus the $300 for which we have not yet submitted subscribers, we are thinking of devoting to the editors of leading dailys throughout the South. What is your reaction? If favorable, could you without undue difficulty send me a list of any Southern editors who may already be receiving the Petal Paper?

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director

HCF:fc

January 14, 1957

Mr. Herbert Bernard
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
1213 North Highland Avenue
Los Angeles 38, Calif.

Dear Herb:

We have just about achieved a first draft of a report on our survey of Negro suffrage, but we are still some distance from publication. I will see that you get a copy well in advance of public release.

With best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:fc

January 14, 1957

Mr. George K. Hunton
Catholic Interracial Council
 of New York, Inc.
20 Vesey Street
New York 7, New York

Dear George:

The Collins address was indeed significant of a change of attitude in Florida. We are in the process of obtaining copies of the complete text, and I shall see that you receive one promptly.

The resolution adopted by your interracial Forum was both strong and good. This kind of calling the shots helps us all.

Many thanks for the various good items that you have sent me recently.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director

HCF:fc

cc: HCF

January 14, 1957

Mr. Edgar B. Stern
2110 American Bank Building
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Stern:

We are hoping that again in 1957 the Edgar Stern Family Fund will be so good as to make a contribution to the Southern Regional Council. Customarily, I believe, the Fund has put in around $300.

Late in 1957 we will reach the end of our three and one-half year grant period from the Fund for the Republic; and we are therefore with diminishing aid to the Atlanta office from them under the greater pressure to get our friends to find us a supply of our life's blood.

We would regard a 1957 contribution from you as region-wide in scope; and there would be no complication of dispatch of a portion of your contribution to our affiliate in Louisiana, the Louisiana Council on Human Relations. I have cleared with them that whatever you might be so good as to send will be for the Southern Regional Council as a whole.

I, myself, come to the end of eleven years of employment by the Southern Regional Council. I will pull out of active duty in a day or two and prepare myself to move to the remotest Highlands of Scotland; there to read my shelves of dear-bought books. I invite all Sterns, to the remotest generation, to honor the Mitchells in Scotland with a visit. I will have a proper address when I can find a proper croft, but the people here at SRC will always know where I am.

I am sensible of a long link with you, sir, and with your many friends and associates. It will be a slim roll that will list those Southern persons who have seen the truth and have strongly defended it twenty or thirty years.

Dr. Alexander told me from time to time of some of the more intimate of your kindnesses to him. I share with him and with his children a warm admiration for you.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 14, 1957

Mr. Broadus Mitchell
49 Barrow Street
New York, New York

Dear Broadus:

Boil it down; what I would say is that freedom and equality for dependent people is a compound of achievement in material circumstances (jobs, farms, homes, schools, health) and achievement in strenuousness of organization toward the objective of freedom.

Different tastes place them in different degrees. I would say that there now the strenuousness is considerably more important than the material achievement; and in any case, the last rushing fifteen or twenty years of industrial progress in the South have stuck the material achievement under them. And what is now going on is long-delayed organization of the Negro community toward freedom.

There is another business, but it hardly enters. The way to speed organization for freedom is to announce proximate dates -- three years or five years hence -- when the responsibility of power will be conferred. Miraculously a people under this pressure grows up to its on-coming responsibility.

When you come to the statistics of proving that the material achievement is here it gets fuzzy.

I send up what can be adduced from our files, by virtue of the labors of a Miss Florence Irving.

Except that our files haven't got the facts on agriculture. Nobody has them. The Census of 1950 is too long ago. I would say, out of keeping a finger on the pulse of it, that small farms, including Negro small farms, are being squeezed out rapidly. Large farms, which are nearly all white farms, are increasing. Farm tenancy is certainly down. Where in the worst of the New Deal years it was nearly fifty per cent in the South, I doubt if it is now more than a third. And the sharecropper has virtually disappeared. He has become a tenant or a day laborer, or holds down a town job. Comparatively few plantations survive in a state little modified from fifteen years ago. The people on them are greatly thinned out.

The real reform that is needed in the South is a transition to long-term written farm leases. That is the way for a people to grow into stature without heavy capital investment. And the shift from cotton, which was the annual crop, to cows, which is a fifteen to twenty year deal, and to other intricately-managed crops, sets the stage for a transition to the written lease. What is lacking is impulse from the sleeply agricultural extension service people; who just don't shove for poor folks.

I usually perk up such a scribble with reference to the difficulty of finding "the Southern Negro in his rags." You've got to go and find the panhandler on the corner to show such a man to Yankee visitors. What you and I knew thirty years ago is gone!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Material from Miss Irving under separate cover.

January 14, 1957

Mr. Milton C. Vigo
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

Many thanks for your telegram.

I have asked Mr. Stern for his usual contribution directly to us. It has ordinarily been $300.

What I said in the letter anent anything local was as follows:

> "We would regard a 1957 contribution from you as region-wide in scope; and there would be no complication of dispatch of a portion of your contribution to our affiliate in Louisiana, the Louisiana Council on Human Relations. I have cleared with them that whatever you might be so good as to send will be for the Southern Regional Council as a whole."

It would be my own judgement that the wording as given does not preclude an approach by your friends to Mr. Stern; but were I you, I would certainly make the approach many months on into this calendar year.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 14, 1957

RHA:

I puzzled over this, but I think it is all right.

This is the church lady (Unitarian) advising the Florida Council to pay its half of the run Atlanta-Ormand Beach-Atlanta, and evidentally the church lady is to pay the other half of that run.

So between the two, we should be made whole in the sum of $48.84.

GSM/eab

January 14, 1957

Mr. David J. McDonald
United Steelworkers of America
1500 Commonwealth Building
Pittsburgh 22, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. McDonald:

The Steelworkers help always comes in the nick of time!

We are warmly and lastingly grateful.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encl. SRC Official Receipt $1,000

cc: HCF

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Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 14, 1958

Mr. Nat Griswold
211 Izard Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

Early this year a friend of mine in Washington, D. C. wrote and said that he was interested in a young Negro student at Arkansas Polytechnic College at Russellville.

> "He is the first colored student there (one or two have entered since he enrolled a year ago). He is having a hard time meeting financial requirements but is doing fairly well with his studies in spite of the handicap. He is married and has an aged aunt to look after also. He is the "fry cook" in a cafe, working from 3 p.m. till 11:15 p.m. every day of the week, and I mean every day. He talked to me about getting one day off and I think the only way we can help him, since he can't afford to lose the money and his employer is non-cooperative, is to get some help to the extent of about $30 a month so that he can stand the deductions. He told me he would be willing to sign a note, payable when he gets out of college. I have heard of loan funds for non-interest bearing loans to college students. Can you refer me to anyone or do you know of some benevolent person who has a little money to stake on this young man?"

I called up a man named Richard Plaut, who in New York runs a National Scholarship Service and Fund for Negro Students. He said nothing could be done this college year, but in the event that the young student is in receipt of partial tuition aid from the college he goes to, Plaut's show could probably scare up some further assistance for him next year. I know that Plaut has opened correspondence with my informant in Washington.

So we are still stuck with what to do about the rest of this year.

I wrote my informant that I felt reasonably confident that you could interest either Fred Darragh or Ed Dunaway in arranging that the young fellow should have $30.00 a month or so for the next four or five months.

Will you talk to either of these two gentlemen and see what could be arranged?

You may wish to go up to Russellville and familiarize yourself with the young fellow's circumstances. His name is Terry York.

There is more to it than just fishing one young fellow through; as he was the first Negro student to get in there, what happens to him will be influential in that part of the state.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 14, 1957

Chaplain T. D. Kelly
Ferrum Junior College
Ferrum, Virginia

Dear Mr. Kelly:

In regard to your inquiry of the 10th concerning the basis for our bus desegregation information, we are enclosing our press release on this subject. The information therein was originally collected from our files, newspaper reports, and from members of our state affiliates. An individual in each of the potential cities confirmed the existance of bus desegregation. This check caused us to drop several cities where newspapers had listed desegregation. No doubt we missed a number of Southern cities, and since the time of our survey, Chattanooga has been added to the list.

If we can be of any further help, please call on us.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Information Services

PA:mm

Enclosure

January 14, 1957

Mr. Joe Gould, Jr.
856 Forest Drive
Tallahassee, Florida

Joe:

Pardon the formality - am pretending to be very busy.

Your good and valuable letter of this A.M. mentions availability of the Collins speech. We do not have a copy of the full text and have already begun to receive requests for same. If you could secure one or more copies, it would be very helpful.

In a later letter, will give you benefit of gossip and my personal style.

Executively,

Paul Anthony
Information Services

PA:mm

Enclos

Sent to all members of Executive Committee, with the exception of Mr. Wright.

January 14, 1957

Dear Executive Committee Member:

Every once in a while one or another of our state organizations puts out a report or a publication that we think unusually good.

In the future we would like to share these with you. Enclosed are two examples: a yearly report from the Florida Council on Human Relations and a discussion-starter from the Greater Atlanta Council - the "local" of the Georgia Council on Human Relations.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

Enclosure

January 14, 1957

Mrs. Jimmy Hill
c/o Mrs. Emory Hill
3607 Seminary Avenue
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Renee:

I hope you still work for the good man Ed Murrow. I have no machine that catches television, but four, five, or six of my most trustworthy and scrupulously-judging friends have told me what your man did on Clinton, Tennessee, was a double honey.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 15, 1957

Mr. Adam Yarmolinsky
The Fund for the Republic
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Adam:

Thanks for your letters regarding unequal penalties. Your decision to shelve the matter is a wise one, I am sure, and I feel no stirrings of disagreement.

I am sorry I didn't get a chance to talk with you again by phone the other Friday in Washington. I had a pleasant afternoon's Conference but learned little of momentous interest.

Best,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director

HCF:fc

January 15, 1957

Mr. Edward Reed
Fund for the Republic
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Ed:

The South being just naturally slow, the "See-It-Now" film on Clinton wasn't shown here until yesterday. We were all most impressed by it, and I naturally wondered whether you have considered distribution of it. If you are considering it, we would cast a very strong affirmative vote.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director

HCF:fc

January 15, 1957

Mr. Joseph Lyford
The Fund for the Republic
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Joe:

A short time back I sent Frank a thermofax copy of the enclosed monstrosity. I thought you might want this newly acquired original for your commendation file.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director

HCF:fc
Encl.

January 15, 1957

Mr. Marion Wright
"Top Knot"
Lineville Falls, N. C.

Dear Mr. Wright:

I have just talked to Mr. Clement and he has scheduled 11 a.m. on Tuesday, January 29, for a session of the Personnel Committee in his office. This would afford an opportunity for the Personnel Committee to consider staff reorganization thoroughly and to agree on appropriate recommendations to the full Executive Committee, which convenes at 2 p.m.

This timing is subject to your convenience and approval. Please let me know if your schedule will permit. Unfortunately, Mr. Clement has a luncheon involvement at 12:30 which would preclude any session beginning later than 11 o'clock.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director

HCF:fc

January 15, 1957

Mrs. Margaret Price
Route 1, Box 272
McLean, Virginia

Dear Margaret:

Thank you for your letter of January 10, forwarding the final section and conveying the news of Bem's nomination. I am pleased as punch about this and would do anything short of bribery to further it. This should go a long way toward neutralizing the irritation over the complaint on the New York Times treatment. It looks as though this kind of stupid business is inevitable.

I have finally had a chance to read almost all of your draft, and I am tremendously pleased with it. We are a lot closer to a final manuscript at this time than we had any right to expect. As soon as I have finished reading and perhaps re-reading it, I will be in touch again. Meanwhile, Florence tells me that she is gradually getting the statistical picture worked out for the remaining states, and you should receive them before too long.

Enclosed is the Tennessee report, which I know you will be delighted to see again. I think the only thing to do is to pull out whatever can be spliced into the various sections without any damage. As to Kentucky, it might make sense to do a short additional section on Kentucky as the border state most closelyidentified with the South and, as such, perhaps foreshadowing some of the voting patterns that will develop in the South during the years ahead. If this makes sense to you, give it a whirl.

Emory and I both greatly enjoyed the evening with you when we were in Washington.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director

HCF:fc
Encl.

January 15, 1957

Mr. Joe Lyford
The Fund for the Republic
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Joe:

I thought you would be interested in knowing that I had a telephone conversation with Lee Nichols. He plans to come to Atlanta sometime within the next couple of weeks so that we can discuss his ideas at greater length.

Also, I have just learned that Bem Price's piece on the social scientists has been scheduled by AP for release on January 20 -- which would be next Sunday. There have apparently been some indications of interest on the part of Southern papers, one of them requesting an add on McGurk's views.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director

HCF:fc

January 15, 1957

Mr. Ed Reed
The Fund for the Republic
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Ed:

I have just received a copy of the January Bulletin of the Fund -- a very thought provoking issue. Naturally I was also glad to see the plug for Integration North And South. Would it be possible for us to get 100 copies of this issue for distribution to our policy people?

Incidentally, we have sold several hundred copies of Integration North and South and will be forwarding a check to Meridian Books in a day or two. I will send you a copy of the forwarding letter.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director

HCF:fc

January 15, 1957

Miss Dorothy Mitchell
Fund for The Advancement of Education
575 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Dorothy:

I am a powerful long time thanking you for the clipping services and other advices. Believe me, they are much appreciated and I depend on you utterly for coverage of the Monitor.

What do all the big changes there portend for you? For goodness sake let the answer be a cheerful one--I am overstocked with depressing news.

The best as always.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:fc

January 15, 1957

Mr. Marion Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, N. C.

Dear Mr. Wright:

Plans for the dinner honoring Dr. Mitchell are progressing. Invitations to some 60 people (including SRC Executive Committee and local Board Members) are going out today. All members of the staff will be invited as well. I have talked with Ralph McGill, who expects to be there and will make some remarks. We are also taking care of the matter of a tangible expression of esteem.

I am assuming that you will be prepared to serve as Emcee and to make some remarks on your own. Please send us your suggestions as to other spokesmen or other aspects of the occasion.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:fc

January 15, 1957

Mr. H. B. Sissel
Associate Secretary
The Board of Christian Education of the
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.
830 Witherspoon Building
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Ben:

This confirms my telephone call on January 11th. I will be at Frank Willard's studio at 2:00 on January 22nd expecting you.

I cannot yet decide how to get to Gatlinburg. But I recall that if I chance into Knoxville on the afternoon of Wednesday, January 30th, I will find you and your associates at the Second Presbyterian Church.

But rest assured that I will show at the meeting.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 15, 1957

Mrs. James S. Crate
2410 Inwood Drive
Houston, Texas

Dear Mrs. Crate:

Here I start my last day of duty for the Southern Regional Council. I did not want to leave SRC without telling you that I appreciate the years of friendly and understanding support we have all had from you.

I could count on the fingers of two or three hands the white people in the Southern states who have stood up for what is right, and have stood up for it strongly for twenty-five years and more. I am glad that you are one of them.

I am sorry Mrs. Hogue is gone. It would be nice to have talked with her about plans to sit by a peat fire and read my books.

Maybe the pleasant day will come when you will come over on a Cunarder to Glasgow, and I will come down in our shiniest station wagon and take you back to the croft!

Your nice Mr. Shaw was most kind to me and to SRC when I was down there some weeks ago. And I learned to respect his influence with Houston people.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 15, 1957

Mrs. St. Julien R. Childs
73 King Street
Charleston 4, South Carolina

Dear Margaretta:

Here I go off now towards Scotland. But I did not want to leave my chair and my desk at the Southern Regional Council without saying thank you to you and to your husband for years of kind and friendly help. You were Broadus' friend and did not need to be kind to me; but you were; and I am grateful.

I did not ask you often to do this or that, but whenever I did you did it skillfully and cheerfully.

There will always be a comfortable spot next door to the Mitchells in Scotland where all the Childses are please to stay. I don't as yet know where our lighting place will be, but we will hunt an abandoned croft in the remotest Western Highlands. I have already shipped my great thick books across to Glasgow, where they sit on the dock, and I propose to follow after on March 8th and shelve the books in a cottage and sit by the peat fire and read them.

And whiles I will remember about Charleston.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 15, 1957

Mr. J. McDowell Richards
Columbia Theological Seminary
Decatur, Georgia

Dear Mr. Richards:

Quite true the Board asked you to serve on the Nominating Committee for next year. Here is a copy of the letter I sent you, and we are very appreciative indeed that you would be willing to serve. I know you are busy.

I know enough Scottish history to know that your whole life and work is intertwined with that tradition. And when you come across to the other side to celebrate the tradition, do please come to see us and sit by our fire. We cannot yet know the spot, but we hope for an abandoned croft in the near vicinity of Applecross, which is on the mainland opposite Skye.

You have lent us devotion and steadiness and strength these many years. The best of the South is made up of people like you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

January 15, 1957

Mr. Hallock Hoffman
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
P. O. Box 1109
Pasadena, California

Dear Hallock:

Thanks for your letters concerning the project idea of Ruth Landes. I have since received a litter from her and a reprint of her article on "Biracialism in American Society".

Was this caught on orig.?

Yes!!

While we haven't yet had time to consider her ideas fully here, I am doubtful that we will be able to work out an arrangement with her. Her proposed project sounds as though it would run into social science research rather than the kind of action-directed, fact-finding that we are trying to do. It seems a great pity to me that there is no outstanding source of funds for social science research on segregation and integration. I know, for example, that the Professional Association of the Social Psychologist would like to do a job of stimulating and coordinating such research within their discipline, but so far haven't been able to get funds. I think the Fund for the Republic's disposition to aid more direct efforts in this field is a wise one, and we are inclined to keep our efforts as direct as possible.

I am still hoping that one of these days you and I will have a chance to complete the conversation interrupted so untimely in New York some months ago. Meanwhile, best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director

HCF:fc

January 16, 1957

Mr. Galen A. Martin
Executive Director
Kentucky Council on Human Relations, Inc.
208 West Main Street
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Galen:

If we had extra copies of the NAIRO memo on tax exemption, we would be happy to send them to you.

We've had to go to special effort to get the copies we did for each of our state organizations. I therefore suggest that you either circulate the copies you have among your executive members or that you reproduce it for such distribution as you think necessary.

With Harold at the helm, we believe the SRC ship will pick up steam.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

January 16, 1957

The Manager
Princess Issena Hotel
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Sir:

When I checked out of the Princess Issena the morning of January 15, you inadvertently gave me the wrong receipt. I was in room "C" and received the receipt for room "B," which I herewith return. Would you please send me the proper receipt for my records.

I enjoyed my stay at the Princess Issena.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

Enclosure

January 16, 1957

Mr. Ralph McGill
Editor
The Atlanta Constitution
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Ralph:

A brief note to follow up our telephone conversation of yesterday. I was very glad to find that there is a good chance of your being present at the dinner honoring George and Alice Mitchell on January 29th, 6:45 p.m., Atlanta University Dining Hall. Those present will be a select and companionable group, many of whom you know well. I appreciate your willingness to say a few words on this occasion, since I think they will be especially appreciated by George and the others there.

Should circumstances unexpectedly conspire to keep you away, we will welcome the written message, but I am hoping that you can be with us.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
~~cc:~~ FBR → shown to

January 17, 1957

Mr. Mayes Berhman
American Friends Service Committee
Greensboro, N. C.

Dear Mayes Berhman:

In November I was by your office and talked with Henry Catchings; I am sorry that I missed you. I have just recently joined the staff of the Southern Regional Council as labor consultant. Briefly, my duties will consist of being available for liason work between unions and human relations agencies or groups with a strong interest in race relations, to be available to union groups for educational programs and consultation, and to keep abreast of race relations developments in southern unions.

I hope to be in touch with you from time to time. If there is any way that you feel that I can be of service to your program or to other aspects of AFSC program concerned with race or unions I would be glad to be of help. Also, I would appreciate very much hearing from you from time to time regarding good or bad experiences that you have come across where union activity (or inactivity) and race relations problems interact.

A new man has just been assigned to the U.A.W. staff working with their locals on employment practices; his concern with employment practices does not exclude interest in other problems affecting racial relations. His name is Karl Henderson and I have given him your name and some indication as to what you do. It is my hope that he will be in touch with you to find out what approaches you have used and some accounting of the successes and failures that have resulted; perhaps you could be of special help to him in laying out some of the things that unions could do, have refused to do, etc. Henderson struck me as a very nice guy, interested, but brand new to his job and to any of the South below Washington. I am sure that he will be breaking into his job slowly by his choice as well as by policy of the union offices he is working with. Henderson is now located at 526 St. Paul Place, Baltimore 2, Maryland. His phone is Saratoga 75870.

If you are in Atlanta, I hope that you will make a point of coming by the office. I look forward to our building some line of communication that will be of mutual aid without burdening anyone. Give my regards to Tartt, please.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

January 17, 1957

Mr. Milton C. Vigo
Executive Director
Louisiana Council on Human Relations
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans 12, La.

Dear Milton:

It surely sounds as if you are burdened with problems. I sincerely hope that it will be possible to develop an active Board for the Louisiana Council. I would place this necessity at the top of your activities for the next month or more. Without adequate money backing, a state organization cannot be of any real importance.

We have always felt that New Orleans has a sufficient number of sophisticated people to underwrite a program in human relations that has meaning. Certainly it is important to get people from other sections of the state, but it is also obvious that the "core" group must come from New Orleans. We have found it hard to understand why people such as Dr. Dent and Florence Sytz have not been more fully involved in the organization. What ever became of the joint committee of organizations which you labored to set up?

I can and will be there for the two meetings. Would it be possible to combine the two, say the State meeting in the morning and afternoon and the New Orleans meeting in the evening with State people attending? This would demonstrate to State people the strength of the New Orleans people and might encourage them (the State people) to take a more active part. But whatever you do, let me know and I'll be there.

Regards,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

January 17, 1957

Mr. Carl Megel, President
American Federation of Teachers
28 E. Jackson Blvd.
Chicago 4, Illinois

Dear Carl Megel:

This letter will let you know of my new position as Labor Consultant to the Southern Regional Council and to offer to be of what service I can to the A.F.T. Briefly, my job is to serve as liason between unions and human relations agencies, to be available for educational and consultative work with unions, and to keep abreast of race relations relative to unions in the South. Although much of my work will be on a state and local level, I have a working relation with national union offices, the AFL-CIO civil rights department, and with Ben Segal who serves as the Trade Union Consultant to the Fund for the Republic.

Perhaps you will recall that I was with Roosevelt University's Labor Education Division as their field program leader; I have been in labor education for some eight or nine years and have been an AFT member during that time. I have been a member of local #189 (Workers Education) but also of local #3 in Philadelphia and the local that was organized at Roosevelt. It may be of some interest to you to know that I am a native of the South and have worked in Georgia a great deal.

I am aware of your interest, and that of AFT, in the Atlanta situation. You understand that in my position I would not be able to engage in direct organizing work, but I am mindful of the importance of this situation in racial and union terms and will offer every assistance that I can. Of course, my interests are not limited to Atlanta, and I would be happy to be in touch with you about any other situations in the South.

I trust that if you are in Atlanta, you will make a point of coming by our offices; I would like very much to meet and talk with any staff person that may be assigned responsibilities in the South. If you feel that there is any information that I might have, or any service that I could perform, please feel free to call on me.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

Enclosures

January 17, 1957

Mr. Sam Lubell
845 W. End Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Lubell:

The county-by-county registration figures of Negroes in the Southern states has been mailed under separate cover. I believe we told you that registration exceeded eligible persons in some counties, and informed you of the possible reasons for this. We hope to forward you additional information on Negro registration within a short time.

An early report on the vote of Georgia counties in the presidential election is enclosed.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

January 17, 1957

Mrs. W. M. Roser
1017 High Street
Macon, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Roser:

Please rush me your recommendations for Christian World Relations. Must have them in Monday's mail. I am holding all of the booklet on recommendations for yours.

Hoping to see you on the 25th, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
[illegible]

MET:FC

January 17, 1957

Mr. George F. McCray, President
American Federation of State, County and
Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO
54 West Randolph Street
Chicago 1, Illinois

Dear Mr. McCray:

We are sending you the following publications to assist in the preparation of your report.

The Negro Potential by Eli Ginzberg
"Racial Desegregation and Integration," The Annals, March 1956
Integration North and South by David Loth and Harold Fleming

If American Indians are to be included in your report, helpful information or sources of information could be obtained from Mr. Harold E. Fey, Editor, Christian Century, 407 S. Dearborn Street, Chicago 5, Illinois.

Our regular publication is a monthly magazine, New South, whose subscription rate is $2.00 per year.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

January 17, 1957

Mr. Oscar Cohen
Anti-Defamation League
515 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Oscar:

I have read with considerable interest the ADL field report on Beaumont by Warren Breed. I think the report well done. It is, as he says, a "quickie," but still contains valuable information for a person interested in the process of desegregation.

To my amazement, I note in the parenthetical comment on the cover page that the Intergroup Relations Committee of the Society for the Study of Social Problems is referred to as "invidious." Pray tell, dear sir, why this adjective?

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

January 18, 1957

Mr. Rufus E. Clement
President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Clement:

Enclosed is a proposed draft of the Agenda for the forthcoming Executive Committee meeting. I have tried to arrange it in such a way that the Executive Committee will have ample and appropriately timed Executive Sessions, and so that staff members will know what is expected of them. You will note that provision is made for adoption of the Agenda as the first order of business, thus providing opportunity for members of the Committee to modify it in any way they choose.

One item might call for explanation. You will see that while the presentation of the proposed eight-months Budget takes place during the first afternoon's session, action on it is not called for until the following day. The reason for this separation is that final action on the proposed budget must await action on personnel and salaries.

Please let us have your suggestions. A copy is also going to Mr. Wright for review.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encl.

bc: RHA
FBR

January 18, 1957

Dr. Guy H. Wells
Executive Director
Georgia Council on Human Relations
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Wells:

In accordance with the request and assurances made in your letter of January 14th, and the letter from Dr. Hill of the same date, I am enclosing our check for $600, representing a loan from the Southern Regional Council to the Georgia Council on Human Relations.

We understand that should the Georgia Council find it is unable to repay this loan before September 1, 1957, you and Dr. Hill have agreed that your respective salaries for the month of September, 1957, may be withheld by the Southern Regional Council, and applied to the repayment of the loan.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encl.

cc: Dr. Mozell C. Hill

January 18, 1957

Air Mail Special

Mr. Ben Segal
Trade Union Consultant
Fund for the Republic
1820 Jefferson Place, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ben:

A hasty retreat with embarrassment on the matter of Mary Saran attending the sessions of the inter-agency conference. Harold is much concerned about the size of the crowd regardless of the nature of participation, and for good reasons is much concerned about the number of "observers" already admitted. He has been attempting to freeze the list for some time. Certainly no one meant to draw the line to exclude Miss Saran. However, it would be a great help, as things now stand, to have her plan to attend only the more informal, social-type meetings; there will be at least one such on Wednesday evening, where she should have some real chance to talk freely with anyone that looks interesting.

If we find that fewer people actually show than expected, then we would be most happy to have her attend any and all sessions. I am sorry that I thought that I had sufficient go ahead to tell you to plan for her to attend. My guess is that I would be available for part of the time to see that she got about town and met some of the people that she might want to see.

Sorry for this complication.

We will have at least two or three staff guys to meet with us for lunch; of the dozen called, most were either out of town when I called or will be out Wednesday. I presume that a few more will find that they can make it. I didn't expand the list beyond the group that I knew to have a specific interest in what we are doing.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

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January 18, 1957

Mrs. Josephine D. Murphy
Hostess
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Murphy:

We are enclosing a list of persons who have indicated to us that they want housing for the conference to be held on January 23-24, 1957, at Atlanta University. I have indicated by each person's name the expected time of arrival. In addition to these persons, there may be eight or ten other persons who will also want housing at the University.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA/eab
Encl.

LIST OF PERSONS DESIRING HOUSING IN ATLANTA UNIVERSITY DORMITORY FOR CONFERENCE ON JANUARY 23-24, 1957

NAME	EXPECTED TIME OF ARRIVAL	
1. Mr. B. Tartt Bell Greensboro, N. C.	Noon	1/23/57
2. Mr. William Campbell Nashville, Tenn.		1/23/57
3. Dr. Dan J. Hager New York, N. Y.	Morning	1/23/57
4. Miss Dorothy Hampton Raleigh, N. C.	Morning	1/23/57
5. Mr. Morris B. Hoffman Miami, Fla.	Morning	1/22/57
6. Mr. A. C. Miller Nashville, Tenn.	Afternoon	1/23/57
7. Mrs. Jean Russell Greeneville, Tenn.	Noon	1/23/57
8. Mr. Ben Segal Washington, D. C.	Morning	1/23/57
9. Rev. H. B. Sissel Philadelphia, Pa.	Morning	1/23/57
10. Rev. Cornelius C. Turpiee Lynchburg, Va.	Morning	1/23/57
11. Mr. Roy Wilkins New York, N. Y.	Noon	1/23/57
12. Miss Lillian Chernoff New York, N. Y.	10:00 p.m. Tuesday Evening	1/22/57
13. Miss Edith Davison New York, N. Y.	10:00 p.m. Tuesday Evening	1/22/57
14. Mr. Frank Loescher New York, N. Y.	Morning	1/23/57

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January 18, 1957

Miss Annette Tocci
Educational Associate
Public Affairs Pamphlets
22 East 38th Street
New York 16, New York

Dear Miss Tocci:

In answer to your letter of January 10, 1957, concerning promotion of the Integration pamphlet by Harold Fleming and me, I imagine that you will reach many of the people in your regular promotion that we do in ours. However, I am enclosing a list of people who may be interested in helping with the pamphlet. Most of these people are in intergroup work, and we have found them helpful in the past.

If any new names occur to me, I shall send them along.

With best wishes for the promotion campaign.

Sincerely,

John Constable,
Managing Editor, New South

JC:fc
Encl.

Harry Alston
National Urban League, Inc.
250 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Tartt Bell
American Friends Service Committee
617 West Market Street
Greensboro, N. C.

Malcolm P. Calhoun
Presbyterian Church in the U. S.
Division of Christian Relations
341-B Ponce de Leon Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 5, Georgia

Fred Fuges
Rights of Conscience Program
American Friends Service Committee
20 South 12th Street
Philadelphia 7, Pa.

Jack Greenberg
NAACP Legal Defense & Ed. Fund
107 West 43rd Street
New York 36, N. Y.

Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton
(representing Student Division YWCA)
The Atlanta Urban League
239 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Miss Florence Harris
National Board, YWCA
Southern Region
63 Auburn Avenue, NE
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Mrs. Clarie Collins Harvey
Bd. of Soc. & Economic Relations
The Methodist Church
740 Rush Street
Chicago 11, Illinois

Barton Hunter
Disciples of Christ
United Christian Missionary Society
222 South Downey Avenue
Indianapolis 7, Indiana

Nelson Jackson
National Urban League, Inc.
1133 Broadway
New York 10, New York

J. Oscar Lee
National Council of the Churches of Christ
297 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Arthur J. Levin
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
41 Exchange Place, S. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

A. C. Miller
Christian Life Commission of the Sou. Bapt.Con
161 Eighth Avenue, North
Nashville, Tennessee

Alfred 6. Payne & Paul Rilling
Southern Area Student Council YMCA
706 Standard Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Mrs. Pauline S. Puryear
Virginia State College
P. O. Box 487
Petersburg, Virginia

Mrs. Jean Russell
Board of Christian Education of
the Presby. Church, U. S. A.
Greenville, Tennessee

Mrs. Patricia Ryan
Commission on Human Rights
Catholic Committee of the South
P. O. Box 694
New Orleans, La.

Seymour Samet
American Jewish Committee
1208 Congress Bldg.
Miami 32, Fla.

Maurice V. Shean & Ed Vales
Catholic Committee of the South
Box 895
Rock Hill, South Carolina

January 18, 1957

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

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Please let us have your suggestions. A copy is also going to Mr. Clement for review.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encl.

January 21, 1957

Vanderbilt University
Race Relations Law Reporter
Nashville 5, Tennessee

Gentlemen:

Enclosed you will find my personal check for a one year subscription to *Race Relations Law Reporter*. Please send me the December, 1956, Issue, Volume 1, Number 6, and begin my subscription as of the date of that issue. Also, please forward one copy of Volume 1, Number 3. The enclosed check is in the amount of $3.50, covering the one year subscription plus the one additional copy of the *Race Relations Law Reporter*.

Thank you for your attention to this subscription.

Yours sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

Enclosure

January 21, 1957

Mr. Lamar Gunter
Editor, RED & BLACK
University of Georgia
Athens, Georgia

Dear Lamar:

Gordon has passed along the editorial page of your first edition of the Red and Black. Congratulations!

I was indeed pleased to read your editorial "Riot or Reason". It is the right direction for college editors to take in my opinion. I think it will do a great deal toward helping bring about a better understanding of just what is involved in the situation.

Keep up the good work, and come to see us when you are here in Atlanta.

Sincerely,

John Constable,
Managing Editor, New South

JC:fc

January 21, 1957

Mrs. Mabel Norris Reese
Editor, Mt. Dora Publishing Co.
Mount Dora, Florida

Dear Mrs. Reese:

Please forgive my long delay in answering your very kind letter concerning the recent Mount Dora events in connection with Sheriff McCall. I do appreciate your prompt assistance.

As I understand it, some newspapers are still interested in the cases; and something yet may be done about them. I do agree with you that the case of the Negro woman was as bad as any of the Sheriff's previous escapades, and I thank you for sending the clipping on that.

Again I do appreciate your aid and if I hear of any concerted effort in these cases, I will let you know.

Sincerely,

John Constable,
Managing Editor, New South

JC:fc

January 21, 1957

Mr. Jim McCain
S. C. Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Jim:

It's my understanding that S. Emory Rogers has resigned as Executive Secretary of the WCC movement in South Carolina. Do you know who has been selected to fill this vacancy? Name and any biographical information would help.

mimeographed ?

We are revising our memographed Resistance Group Report and any changes such as the above concerning the South Carolina movements would be helpful.

Regards,

Paul Anthony

PA:fc

January 21, 1957

Mr. Milton C. Vigo
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

I appreciate your thoughtful letter of January 17th. I hope I'll be able to do justice to a very demanding job. Certainly all of us here expect to work closely with the Louisiana Council and the other state groups in the months ahead.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

Board off
Chairman

January 21, 1957

Mr. Samuel Lubell
845 West End Avenue
New York 25, New York

Dear Sam:

Florence Irving's letter forwarding our registration figures must have crossed yours in the mail. We will send you more material as soon as we get it back from our writer.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

[redacted]

January 21, 1957

Mr. Caxton Doggett
376 N. E. Ninetieth Street
Miami, Florida

Dear Caxton:

Thanks for your two recent letters regarding the Florida Council's plans to move its headquarters to Miami and to concentrate its efforts on desegregation in Dade County.

Both steps seem to Fred Routh and me to have considerable merit. However, as Fred may have explained, we are not in shape -- either financially or policywise -- to act on a formal application for assistance after October 1, 1957. We still have before us the difficult job of refinancing the whole operation -- and it is a bigger job, I am afraid, than we or the Board members realized at the time of the annual meeting.

I suggest that you keep us posted of the Florida Council's plans as they are developed. We, in turn, will let you know how the prospects are shaping up. Certainly a proposal of the sort you suggest would get careful and sympathetic consideration as soon as SRC's future is determined.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

January 21, 1957

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

Here is some unhappy news. There is no one who can add quite the note to the occasion that McGill would. However, we are trying to work out a substitution of some kind.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encl. -
copy of ltr dtd 1/17/57
from Ralph McGill

cc: FBR

xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx January 21, 1957

Mr. G. Ross Freeman
School of Theology
Emory University
Emory University, Georgia

Dear Mr. Freeman:

It has come to our attention that you direct a program of field work for theology students. In this regard we would appreciate having you consider adding our organization to your list of work areas.

As our program continues to expand well ahead of our budget, we are exploring the possibilities of relying on responsible voluntary help. This need on our part ranges over the entire area of our activities, from clerical duties to research work. And, it may be that our particular interests will offer valuable training in an area which will be of considerable concern to our future religious leaders.

We are in need of persons who can be relied on. In turn, we are willing to so direct that help as to be of the greatest training value to the individual.

If the possibility does exist for such cooperation, we would like to discuss the matter with you.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony

PA/eab

January 22, 1957

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

I thought you would be pleased with the pamphlet from the Florida group, and also the little discussion guide done by the Greater Atlanta Council.

You asked if I thought it possible that the Governor of Florida could be interested in officially setting up a Council on Human Relations. I believe there will come in the not too distant future a real possibility for this, but I am somewhat fearful that if it were created now it would be too much a creature of the state government. Our Florida Board and staff are alert to the possibilities of a quasi-official state body.

One small point - your good secretary still mispells my last name. Tell her that it is "Routh," just like South, only with an "R."

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

January 22, 1957

Mr. W. T. Archer
Laundry Workers International Union
421 North 23rd Street
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Brother Archer:

Here are the names of the two men from the University of Alabama who do labor education work:

Mr. Rex Sullivan, State Supervisor
Trade and Industrial Education
University of Alabama
University, Alabama
Ofc: PLaza 2-7441 (Tuscaloosa, Ala.)

Mr. W. L. Rickard, Assistant State Supervisor
Trade and Industrial Education
University of Alabama
University, Alabama
Ofc: PLaza 2-7441, Ext. 676 (Tuscaloosa, Ala.).

They have been recommended by Lee White of the Communication Workers; CWA has used their services with some success in the past.

You understand that their state position means that they would be limited to straight educational programs, but they have handled subjects such as grievances, stewards training, union structure, etc.

I trust that these will prove to be useful contacts.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

January 22, 1957

United States Department of Labor
Bureau of Labor Statistics
Peachtree-7th Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Gentlemen:

Please forward two (2) copies of the 1955 Directory of Labor Unions in the United States, Bulletin No. 1185 to me in care of the above address. Also, please send two (2) copies of the August, 1956, supplement, Structure of AFL-CIO. I am enclosing $1.00 in cash to cover this order.

Yours truly,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

Enclosure

January 22, 1957

Mr. Galen A. Martin
Executive Director
Kentucky Council on Human Relations
208 West Main Street
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Galen:

Enclosed with this is a copy of a letter to Dorcas Ruthenburg approving the changes in the by-laws of the Kentucky Council.

I will call Reverend Borders and ask him to send you a copy of the instructions given out at the Atlanta mass meeting on bus boycotts.

It was very pleasant seeing you when you were here in Atlanta.

Best regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

Enclosure

January 22, 1957

Rev. Harry S. Jones
Executive Director
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
121 East Third Street, Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

The February 9th date is convenient for all of us here and I look forward to seeing you at the workshop.

I would like to suggest two other people whom I wish you would invite (if you agree) to the Consultant Workshop. They are McLeod Bryan, who is at Wake Forest College, and Dr. Waldo Beach, Duke Divinity School.

You know Waldo, for he is on your Board. Mac is an old friend of ours from Macon - taught at Mercer, and is a good, level-headed liberal.

Best regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

January 22, 1957

McGraw Hill Publishing Company
330 West 42nd Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Sirs:

Recently we received a request for information concerning a film entitled "Segregation in The Schools". We understand that this film was produced by Jefferson Productions and is being distributed by your organization. We wonder if you have information material concerning this film and if it would be possible for us to preview the film for possible use in our program.

We would appreciate any consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

John Constable,
Managing Editor, New South

JC:fc

January 22, 1957

Miss Dorcas Ruthenburg
Chairman, Kentucky Council on Human Relations
c/o Courier Journal, WHAS
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Dorcas:

This letter will serve as official approval by the Southern Regional Council of the proposed changes in the constitution and by-laws of the Kentucky Council passed at the September 22nd meeting of the Board of Directors, to wit, substitute the words "Board of Directors" in place of "Executive Board" wherever they appear, and the words "Executive Director" in place of "Executive Secretary" wherever they appear.

I truly enjoyed seeing you while you were here in Atlanta.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

cc: Mr. Galen A. Martin
Mrs. Ruth Alexander

cc: RHA
PA

January 23, 1957

Miss Mary Alice Baldinger
Executive Director
National Civil Liberties Clearing House
1637 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Miss Baldinger:

I was glad to have your letter knocking off the two birds.

As to Bird One, I am looking forward to being at your conference, and meanwhile will expect to hear from you further about the details of the program.

As to Bird Two, we are in the process of revising and rerunning the memo on pro-segregation groups in the South. That should be ready in a week or so, at which time we can supply the 350. For normal purposes, we have been charging a cost price of 5¢ per copy. I recognize that the Clearing House is a cooperative, shoe-string, operation and would waive the price if necessary. But if you have any small amounts available, a contribution toward the cost would help our somewhat frayed shoe-string.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Dictated but not read

January 23, 1957

Mr. C. Vann Woodward
Department of History
The Johns Hopkins University
Baltimore 18, Maryland

Dear Mr. Woodward:

You may not have heard that Dr. Mitchell is leaving the Council to carry out a long-projected wish for a sojourn in Scotland. He left duty status on January 15th, and the Directorship has fallen to me.

We think that existing studies of Southern attitudes toward segregation are seriously inadequate. I am enclosing a copy of an article which recently appeared in Scientific American, which is about the best yet. Much less useful is the Gallup report, as carried by the newspapers (copy also enclosed). The May issue of the Catholic Digest ran the results of a poll. We don't seem to have a copy available, but I am sure you would be able to get hold of it without much difficulty. I am sorry that this limited material is all that we can offer.

We are great admirers of your writings, and have made enthusiastic use of your book, The Strange Career of Jim Crow. I hope I shall have the opportunity to meet you one of these days.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

Encls.
HCF/eab
Dictated but not read

January 23, 1957

Mr. Michael Straight
The New Republic
1244 Nineteenth Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mike:

I am chagrined by the conclusion that some of your Directors reached -- not because it was adverse, but because only the ineptness of our financial reporting could have made it possible. In all earnestness, Mike, a grant of the size available from the William C. Whitney Foundation would be of tremendous importance to the Council's work, particularly just now. Although our budget may seem relatively large, it is little enough for an agency trying to cope with these problems in twelve states, and the budget is mainly achieved by putting together contributions of $4,000 or less.

I will shortly send you the information you suggest substantiating this point. We are in the middle of a two-day meeting of staff representatives of agencies working in the South. But as soon as it is over, tomorrow afternoon, documentation to you will be my first order of business.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Dictated but not read

January 23, 1957

Mr. Vernon A. Eagle
Executive Director
New World Foundation
120 South LaSalle Street
Room 1865
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Mr. Eagle:

We are winding up the customary year-end bookkeeping business and have planned to send you a full accounting of the New World Foundation grant shortly. You should receive it in a few days.

Our conference of agencies working in the South, which begins this afternoon, is shaping up most promisingly. Unfortunately Miss Taylor got grounded in Boston and we are still hopefully looking for her.

I can well understand your comment about the rigours of setting up a new office, since I am in the process of occupying the new one.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Dictated but not read

January 24, 1957

Miss PatricialFrazer
Brunswick Road
Troy, New York

Dear Miss Frazer:

The White Sentinel is published by the National Citizens Protective League, Inc., St. Louis, Missouri. Another publication issued by a pro-segregation group is *The Citizens' Council* which is available from 605 Plaza Building, Jackson, Mississippi.

Under separate cover, I have sent you several pamphlets which will assist in your study. I would also suggest that you check your local library for *Southern School News* and *Race Relations Law Reporter*.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

January 25, 1957

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

The February 1, 1955, Newsletter spoke of Arna Bontemps' book. I send you ours for your quickest reading. Get it back as soon as you can. Extraordinary commendation will be meted out to that state office that reads the book the fastest and gives it back the quickest.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

GSM
HCF/eab

Under separate cover:
Arna Bontemps' Story of the Negro

Same ltr to:

Harry Walker
Lewis Killian
Hylan Lewis
Mrs. Preston Valien
Whitney Young
[illegible]
Lee Coleman
Kenneth Clark
William Jones
Herman Long
[illegible]

January 25, 1957

Dr. Robert Johnson
Research Director
National Conference of Christians
and Jews
43 West Fifty-Seventh Street
New York, New York

Dear ~~Dr. Johnson:~~ Bob:

We need your cooperation in furnishing us with a short biographical sketch of yourself. We will need information as follows: home address, birth, education, work experience, other related experience, published articles, etc.

We would appreciate your prompt attention to this request. This information is to be included in a request for additional funds to carry on the consultant program.

Sincerely yours,

John Hope II
Assistant Director
for Program

January 25, 1957

Mr. Broadus Mitchell
49 Barrow Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

I am enclosing a reprint of a 1954 Business Week report which discussed the economic status of the Negro. The September, 1956 issue of Fortune contains more recent information in an article entitled "The Negro's New Economic Life".

Under separate cover we have mailed the following:

Public Education In the South Today and Tomorrow
The Negro Potential
Integration North and South

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

January 28, 1957

Mr. Alexander E. Sharp
Board of National Missions
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Sharp:

Please accept our earnest thanks for the Board of National Missions' contribution to the work of the Southern Regional Counci. Our official receipt is enclosed.

Nothing gives us more encouragement than the warm and sustaining relationship we have enjoyed with the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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Encl. — 250.00

January 28, 1957

Mr. Stewart G. Cole
347 S. Norton Avenue
Los Angeles 5, California

Dear Mr. Cole:

Things have settled down sufficiently for me to write you more definitely, though unfortunately not more positively. It seems clear that, at least for the months just ahead, we can expect to do little more than hold our own staff-wise. Accordingly, I shall have to abandon any hope of availing SRC of your services.

I sincerely hope that you will find the opportunity to make a contribution in the South. If that should develop, I hope we will be working together.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

January 28, 1957

Mr. P. D. East
Box 349
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Dear Mr. East:

By the Grace of God and Herman Talmadge, I'll be right here on February 4th and will hold the lunch hour.

Remind me to explain why I sounded so knotheaded in our telephone conversation.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

January 28, 1957

Mayes Behrman
Director
Merit Employment Program
American Friends Service Committee
Box 1307
High Point, North Carolina

Dear Mayes Behrman:

George Mitchell having left duty status on January 15th, I am replying to the business part of your letter of January 18th. You may be hearing from George as well.

It's true that Phil Hammer, through his economic consultant firm, did a study for us -- not of manpower resources, but of Southern industrialization between 1946 and 1955. He collected county-by-county data on new plants, by number of employees, type, and in some cases ownership. We're presently exploring several alternative plans of further analysis and publication. It's possible that a further study -- by another organization -- of the manpower implication will result.

I will give you the word as soon as we know something definite. Meanwhile, all best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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January 2 January 28, 1957

Dr. Don Hager
Director
Commission on Community Interrelations
American Jewish Congress
15 East Eighty-Fourth Street
New York 28, New York

Dear Don:

Thought you might want to see the full text of this.

It was good being with you last week.

Regards,

Harold

HCF/eab
Encl. copy of
"Belief in Natural White Supremacy is Bunk"
Asheville Citizen-Times, 1/20/57

January 28, 1957

Mr. John H. Marion
Virginia Council on Human Relations
100 East Franklin Street
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Jack:

You're very kind to write so encouragingly about my taking on the new job. I only hope I can do as well by SRC as you have by the Virginia Council.

All of us here share your feeling that despite the discouraging short-range outlook, this movement has an important future.

I am looking forward to working closely with you as we try to achieve it.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

January 28, 1957

Mr. David F. Freeman
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
Sixty East Forty-Second Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Dave:

You will probably have had a verbal account of our inter-agency conference from Frank by now. I thought it went quite well. Attendance -- particularly in view of the travelling conditions -- was extraordinary; all but four of those on the attached list made it, and at least two of those were grounded by weather. You will see that Hylan Lewis did attend for the Unitarian Service Committee.

Katherine Taylor was here and seemed very favorably impressed with both the Conference and SRC. She had a good workout with Frank on the apprenticeship program. I'll be calling him next week about the prospects with New World, which look promising.

As soon as we have a summary of the conference decisions, I'll send you a copy.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encl.

January 28, 1957

Galen Martin, Exec. Director
Kentucky Council on Human Relations
208 West Main Street
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Galen:

Your letter to Fred of January 23, 1957, with reference to December New South has been passed along to me.

Ordinarily New South is available for 20 cents per copy or 15 cents each for bulk orders. However, the December New South is sold out except for a few copies and these will have to go to fill orders for new subscriptions.

If it is the "Henderson Pastor's Diary" in which you are interested, we might be able to supply you mimeographed copies at cost. We cut a stencil of the article for a meeting in Alabama in October of last year.

If you are interested, let me know.

Sincerely,

John Constable,
Managing Editor, New South

JC:fc

January 28, 1957

Mr. J. E. Soderlind
1310 Barnett Bank Building
Jacksonville 2, Florida

Dear Mr. Soderlind:

Eldon Edwards is still a General Motors employee and a union member. I'm not certain whether he is employed by Fisher Body or Chevrolet.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:
mm

January 28, 1957

Mr. David Kirk
University of Alabama
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Dear Mr. Kirk:

Fred Routh said you called on January 26, 1957 requesting information concerning the Council and the address of the Alabama Council on Human Relations. Under separate cover, we are sending you information on the Council and a recent copy of our monthly publication, New South. The address of the Alabama Council is Room 1218 Comer Building, Birmingham 3, Alabama. The Rev. Robert Hughes is Executive Director of that organisation.

If we can be of further aid, please do not hesitate to call upon us.

Sincerely,

John Constable,
Managing Editor, New South

JC:fc

January 29, 1957

Mr. Frank S. Loescher
Fund for the Republic
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Frank:

It was a real pleasure to be with you and the others at the conference of church leaders at the Fund's offices. I believe that much good will come out of this meeting. This is an important step toward the activation of the Protestant clergy in the battle for human rights.

I have briefly told Harold about the meeting and the participant's expectations of SRC. He was impressed that the group had decided to key in with SRC in part of its program and to seek cooperation with CCD for another part.

Enclosed is an account of my expenses for this trip. I hope they are sufficiently "modest."

Best regards to you and Dave.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm
enclosure

January 29, 1957

Mr. Ben Segal
Trade Union Consultant
Fund for the Republic
1820 Jefferson Place, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ben:

It was good to see you in Atlanta. Enclosed is a copy of the Xmas card sent to Reuther. The U.A.W. here at least does not want any publicity on it; I have had a copy sent to national A.D.L., which has a sizeable collection of such items.

I think you know that I feel comfortable with the kind of relationship that we now have with you, SRC, and me. I doubt if Manny really understands what the relation is. Arrangements regarding J.L.C. must be worked out through you and in the final analysis with Harold and SRC. I will be in touch with Manny, but do not feel that there is any basis for a formal relationship. Incidentally, the first of the survey materials have already been sent to me.

We enjoyed having Mary Saran with us very much; it was a pleasure to get to know her - this latter is a response which we also received from others with whom she talked. I am sending a note to her in care of your office.

The luncheon cost $12.30, including cocktails and tips. I think we got what we wanted from it.

Are you a new poppa yet?

Best wishes to you and family.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

P.S. Thanks for the list of labor papers;

January 30, 1957

Mrs. Mary Saran
c/o Mr. Ben Segal
Fund for the Republic
1820 Jefferson Place, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Saran:

It was just real fine to have had you with us in Atlanta for a few days, and I am glad that you were able to make even so quick and rainy a trip to the South.

I said that I would let you know about any write-up of the inter-agency conference which you observed. You will remember that it was a completely off-the-record conference, and since this was the understanding of the participating agencies it is necessary that we not mention by name any of the other groups that were represented. Of course, you may make such generalized use of what you saw and learned as may fit your purposes. I am sorry that it is necessary to place any restrictions on the reporting of such an event, but this is just one reflection of what the situation is like.

Best wishes to you in your further travel in this country.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

January 30, 1957

Mr. Ben Segal
Trade Union Consultant
Fund for the Republic
1820 Jefferson Place, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ben:

I talked with Paul Christopher last night and thought that I would pass on a suggestion of his. You will perhaps remember that I told you that Franz Daniels said that there would be a series of three day staff institutes held in the regions, that issues relative to race will be discussed, but that they had not decided to make use of any outside resource person. It is my understnading now that a half day will be devoted to the race issue even though in the original discussions of the institute there had been some feeling that it should not be made into a special topic.

Paul suggests that Boris designate a sensitive and knowledgable guy to just sit in on these sessions as an observer -- definitely taking no part in the discussion, but to just pull together some of the threads of what should be a "let your hair down" type session. This would have to be worked through Livingston, but Paul feels that Boris' request in such a matter would be respected. Who should do the observing is another problem; I think Paul was thinking of someone on the "inside," but primarily he was interested that it be such a person that would in no way prevent free discussion.

Two other things from Paul. That for our proposed conference we be willing to "cross the lines of protocol" to keep the power of selection as to attendance in our hands. I don't think this is going to become much of a problem, in that I think that we can get about who should be there by going through channels (and of course Paul believes in going through channels). Secondly, he feels that a one day conference is too short; refering to the earlier CIO meeting at Fisk and to other sessions he was conscious of the fact that it really takes the first day to get the group loosened up so that they are talking to the problem and not just from status positions, etc. I think that we ought to think about this latter and balance it against the problems of a two day confab.

So there you are. I thought that I would pass the suggestions on to you for what they are worth. It seems to me that the suggestion of an observer has some merit, would give further insight into actual field problems (perhaps better than the JLC survey), and would perhaps have some appeal to Boris. Of course what such an observer does with his observations remains a central problem.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

P.S.: My first check has come in from the Fund, with the deductions in good order for income tax and F.I.C.A.

Incidentally, I think the staff institutes start in March and perhaps we should check for conflict in date and personnel with our proposed conference.

January 30, 1957

Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond 22, Virginia

Dear Paul:

It was wonderful to be with you at the Executive Committee meeting, which I believe to be the best in which I have participated. Your contributions there were most valuable.

In accordance with your request, enclosed are fifteen copies of SRC's promotional pamphlet.

The best of everything.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm
Enclosures

January 30, 1957

Dr. George S. Mitchell
906 Lullwater Road, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear George:

I have discovered on my desk the bound copy of New South for 1956 and a bill for $3.75. Thank you very much for taking care of this for me.

I thought the SRC dinner in your honor last night an outstanding success and the tribute which Marion Wright paid you honest, deserved, and eloquent.

The best of everything to you and Alice in the Highlands or wherever you may light.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

P.S. Enclosed is my check for the $3.75.

January 31, 1957

Mr. Joseph P. Lyford
Room 5500
60 East Forty-Second Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Joe:

We like your manuscript. Considering you're a Yankee, you handle this Southern stuff exceedingly well.

Enclosed are the pre-May '54 highlights of parochial school and Catholic college integration, as well as the longer summary put out by the NCWC.

Of the hospitals you inquire about, we find only one -- St. Mary's of Knoxville -- listed in the Catholic Almanac. Presumably the others aren't Catholic.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encls.

January 31, 1957

Mr. Michael Straight
The New Republic
1244 Nineteenth Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mike:

Enclosed is a follow-up letter which I have written as you suggested to the William C. Whitney Foundation. I hope it clarifies the points which were raised in your Board meeting. I only wish it were possible to get out of the daily pressures long enough to do a job of interpreting our situation better.

Since I took on the responsibilities of the Executive Director a little over two weeks ago, all of us have been pleased by the evidence of staff allegiance and effectiveness, and of support from Board members and other concerned people over the South. We feel that we are in a better position than ever before to make a fundamental difference in what happens down here. But, as you will see from the enclosed budget and my letter, we have a very demanding fund-raising job to do. The William C. Whitney Foundation would have an honored place on our rolls if it came through at this time.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encls.

cc: PA

January 31, 1957

Mr. Vernon A. Eagle
New World Foundation
120 South LaSalle Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Mr. Eagle:

Enclosed is a report of expenditures under the 1956 grant of the New World Foundation for the consultant service program. We have supplied some brief supplementary notes on those items that seem to require them. If you would like further details or further explanation, please let me know.

Along with these impersonal figures come our warm thanks to the Foundation for making possible a year of productive effort.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encl.

CC: PA

January 31, 1957

AIR MAIL

Mr. Paul R. Christopher
216 Flatiron Building
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Paul:

Enclosed are copies of the letters George Mitchell wrote to Reuther, Dubinsky, and Buckmaster. As I said at the meeting, only the one to UAW asks for a specific amount, and that one has been acknowledged by Reuther's secretary, who said it was being referred to the [illegible] Executive Board.

I will follow up very shortly with a letter to Buckmaster and one to Dubinsky, asking for $250 from the Rubber Workers and $1,000 from the ILGWU. (This represents in each case twice as much as they last gave us.) I will also write Potofsky asking for $1,000 from the Amalgamated. However, I won't do any of this until you have had time to advise me if there is anything wrong with these plans.

I sent you yesterday two copies of the Hammer report, and I will be looking forward to hearing from you about our approach to the AFL-CIO. Meanwhile, we will be doing what we can to alert people close to members of the Executive Council.

We are all grateful for your contribution to the meeting Paul, and are going to push ahead as hard as we can to carry out the kind of ideas you suggested.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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cc: HCF ✓
FBR

Same letter and a check in the amount of $90.00 to Dr. Lewis Killian
Florida State University
Tallahassee, Florida

January 31, 1957

AIR MAIL

Mrs. Bonita Valien
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Valien:

John Hope has asked me to write you in regard to the North Carolina Workshop. The Workshop is scheduled for Saturday, February 9, 1957, at Alumni Hall, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m., and last until 4:00 p.m.

However, John is expecting you to arrive in Durham in time for a 6:00 p.m. orientation meeting on Friday, February 8th, with the Executive Committee of the North Carolina Council. This will be a dinner meeting. We will notify you later as to the place of the meeting and lodging accommodations.

We are enclosing a check of $75.00 to cover transportation from Nashville to Raleigh-Durham and return.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA/eab
cc: John Hope, II
Encl.

January 31, 1957

Mr. J. M. Dabbs
RFD
Rip Raps
Mayesville, S. C.

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

It certainly was plesant seeing you again at the recent Executive Committee meeting, and I was glad to hear that your book is coming along all right.

Enclosed are copies of the columns of Dr. Allen that I promised you. We have very little regard for Dr. Allen's statements concerning segregation, but these columns as Dr. Allen points out were based on letters from people following a recent sermon in which he spoke in defense of segregation.

Hoping we will see you in Atlantaagain very soon.

Sincerely,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:fc
Encl.

January 31, 1957

Dr. Roy McCorkel
National Conference of Christians & Jews
43 West 57th Street
New York 19, New York

Dear Dr. McCorkel:

It was indeed a privilege to attend the conference, and a most interesting experience. I also appreciated your letter and the Minutes received some days ago. All this makes me wish I did not have to send in an expense account, but I do in order to keep going.

Expenses are as follows:

Plane fare	$ 54.01
to & from airport & taxi home	5.10
1 meal	.85
Total	$ 59.96

Again thank you for the splendid experience you made possible for me.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director, Women's Work

MET:fc

January 31, 1957

Miss Dorothy Height
President, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority
1814 M. Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Height:

I am wondering if you received my letter and expense account and the amount due the hotel. I wish it were possible for me never to have to turn in an expense account, but to keep going I really have to list expenses. If the memo has been lost, the amount was as follows:

Plane fare	$83.61
Bus fare to and from air port	5.50
Meals	1.50
Tips	1.50
Total	$ 92.11

It was a wonderful experience to meet with your group and to talk, and I shall always cherish the memory of the great Convention.

With the best of wishes.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

MET:fc

January 31, 1957

Mr. Patrick Murphy Malin
Executive Director
American Civil Liberties Union
170 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Malin:

I do not blame you for being concerned because you did not have an answer to your letter of December 18th. Frankly, I was not here when it came and it was days old before I received it. Since the first of the year, I have not been in the office much as we have already been holding workshops of state groups.

I wish you might have been down here through January or February rathern than March. I do want you, if possible, tc be with us on March 1st at the Workshop for Georgia Women to be held in the Wesley Memorial Church, 63 Auburn Avenue. The Alabama dates are pending. I hope to give you a definite date in the next day or so. I will be in Kentucky the week of the 25th and will also write you about this.

Life is very interesting here these days -- sometimes you are heartsick, then again comes some bright ray of hope, and you take courage and go on.

With the best of wishes to you.

Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encls.

January 31, 1957

Mr. Milton C. Rose
Secretary
William C. Whitney Foundation
120 Broadway
New York 5, New York

Dear Mr. Rose:

Mr. Straight has suggested that we follow up our request of August 24, 1956, with some additional interpretation of our financial needs. This I am happy to do, because I feel that the material sent earlier may not have made clear the importance to the Council's work of assistance on the scale possible to the William C. Whitney Foundation.

Enclosed is a budget for the Council's central operations for the next eight months, approved only yesterday by our Executive Committee. Our current fiscal year ends on September 30th, and in view of an impending change in the Executive Directorship of the Council, our annual meeting approved only the first four months of the fiscal year, now elapsed. I am sorry that I cannot send a budget for the subsequent year, since that has not yet been formulated. I might say, however, that our aim will undoubtedly be to maintain approximately the same level of general operation provided for in the budget enclosed.

Our earlier financial material may have caused some confusion because of the inclusion of figures on several special projects financed by grants specifically earmarked for those purposes and not available for the general operating expenses of the Council. In the coming period, only one such project of consequence is anticipated -- namely our consultant service program which has been assisted by the New World Foundation. It should be emphasized that if the New World Foundation renews its aid to this program such a grant would assist the general budget only to the extent of the overhead allocation itemized under "Staff Forecast of Income."

The enclosed budget demonstrates, I believe, how important relatively small grants are in enabling the Council to carry out its substantive program. So far in this fiscal year, for example, we have received only one contribution in excess of $5,000. The Fund for the Republic, as a final grant in a three-year series, made a contribution of $110,000. Of this amount, however, $100,000 was specifically earmarked for subsidy to interracial state organizations affiliated with the Council. Thus only $10,000 from the Fund for the Republic is available to the Council's own operation during the present fiscal year. Even including the $10,000 from the Fund for the Republic, the average size of grants to the Council is only $2,390. The same kind of analysis over a longer period — the calendar year 1956 — shows that we received only three grants in excess of $5,000, four in the range of $2,000 to $4,000, twelve of less than $2,000, and 19 of less than $200. These facts, added to the relatively large sum of $43,740 which the Council must raise from new sources within the next eight months, should indicate how valuable the William C. Whitney's aid will be in continuing the efforts of the Council during this critical period in the South.

As to what might be achieved by a grant of $2,000 to $4,000 — and we would earnestly hope that it might be the higher figure — I could offer a great many examples. I shall confine myself, however, to pointing out that $4,000 would pay virtually the entire year's salary of one of the Council's most vital staff members, the Research Assistant. This staff person is wholly responsible for the collection, maintenance, and continuing analysis of the information and reference files on which this whole movement in the South depends. In an earlier communication I have discussed at some length the importance of our reference and information service. Without it, our efforts to interpret the South clearly and constructively to the press and other media, to church, labor, and civic organizations planning important programs of their own, to governmental agencies, and to opinion-moulders of many kinds would be quite impossible.

I only wish it were possible for a representative of the William C. Whitney Foundation to pay a visit to our offices and to see at first hand what the needs are and what the Council is doing in an effort to meet them. I am sure that the Foundation would conclude that its assistance to the Council would not only be deeply appreciated in the South, but would be a direct contribution to the achievement of the aims of the Foundation itself.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encl.

February 1, 1957

Mr. Vernon A. Eagle
Executive Director
The New World Foundation
120 South LaSalle Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Mr. Eagle:

In the light of our conversations with Miss Taylor and the emerging possibility of a grant for an apprenticeship, we have worked up the enclosed revised budget to accompany our request to the New World Foundation for 1957. This will supersede the budget proposed at the end of our original request dated November 20, 1956.

As you will see, should the Foundation approve the apprenticeship grant, we would use it to fill the position of Field Service Assistant, which would be closely concerned with implementation of the consultant program. So that you may see how the position would fit into our scheme of things, I enclose an organization chart just approved by power of Executive Committee.

I might add a word about the kind of person we would try to find to fill the apprenticeship. Our preference would be a young, promising Negro person fitted by temperament and background to work effectively with people of varying racial attitudes. We see a special applicability for the apprenticeship program in the South. In the first place, circumstances in the South, even more than elsewhere, militate against the choice of a career in intergroup relations work. The Southern Regional Council, both in staffing its own operations and assisting its state affiliates in developing professional staff, has had a thorough education in the difficulties of finding young Southerners who are properly motivated and equipped for this work.

What is true of white Southerners is even more true of Negro Southerners. The limited educational and cultural opportunities that the South has afforded for its Negro citizens automatically limits the field. This in turn results in a very high demand for talented Negro professionals in academic institutions and Negro business centers. Thus at this point the most promising and able persons are too securely berthed to be pulled away into human relations jobs that offer little in the way of long-range tenure and security. This is one of the shortfalls in our integrated staffing that the consultant program has been designed to meet.

As you can readily see, this situation enhances our eagerness to participate in the apprentice training program, and strongly conditions the choice of candidate which we would hope to make. Of course, the requirements of the work must take ultimate precedence, and should it prove impossible to find a Negro candidate with the necessary skills and promise, we would have to proceed, of course, with the best applicant regardless of race.

Direct supervision of this apprentice would be the responsibility of Fred Routh, our Assistant Director. This is desirable from every point of view, since Mr. Routh has had a substantial amount of experience in training graduate students when he was on the faculty of the Human Relations Department at the University of Miami.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encls.

cc: Miss Taylor
Mr. Freeman
Mr. Loescher
Mr. Hope
Mr. Parrish

copy of budget to:
Miss Taylor
C. Hl Parrish
John Hope

February 1, 1957

Mr. Milton C. Vigo, Executive Director
Louisiana Council on Human Relations
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

I will be arriving in New Orleans on Thursday, the 7th, at 10:47 A.M., Delta Air Lines Flight #911. I will be able to stay through the Executive Committee meeting Friday night. See you then.

Best regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

February 1, 1957

Rev. Robert E. Hughes, Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Room 1218 Comer Building
Birmingham 3, Alabama

Dear Bob:

I will be able to make it to Tuscaloosa for your annual meeting about noon Saturday, the 9th. I will fly into Birmingham, get a U-Drive-It, and come out to Tuscaloosa.

I had already committed myself to a meeting in New Orleans Friday evening and this is the best I can do in terms of schedule.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

February 1, 1957

Mr. Stan Opotowsky
The New York Post
Seventy-Five West Street
New York 6, New York

Dear Stan:

We are still interested in seeing your series on the South. In this regard, since we are not able to subscribe to the Post, we are fearful of missing your work without some warning.

If the series has been run could you send us a copy? If not, would you be good enough to let us know when to watch the newsstands?

Your notes and related information, within the limits of our discussions, would still be of much value to us. Know it's quite a task to assemble such things, but if and when you find the time to send them on to us, whatever their condition, we would be most deeply grateful. In turn, if there's any follow up or checking we can do, let us know.

Hope for the opportunity to chat again within the not-too-distant future.

Best regards,

Paul Anthony

PA/eab

February 1, 1957

Mr. Armand Ball
206 Baptist Building
Jacksonville 2, Fla.

Dear Mr. Ball:

Your movie reel, which you mailed to us recently, is being returned. We are very sorry you had so much trouble with the film "Desegregation In Baltimore", and hope you will pardon the delay in returning the material.

Again thanks, and if we can send you any material in the future, please do not hesitate to call upon us.

Sincerely,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:fc

February 1, 1957

Dr. Dow Kirkpatrick
First Methodist Church
Athens, Georgia

Dear Dow:

Each year since the Supreme Court decision, we have called together the Church women leaders of both races and three faiths for a Workshop on our southern problems. This I will do in each of the southern states following the Southwide Workshop of October 30-31st.

The Georgia Workshop will be March 1st from 10 to 3:30, in the Ladies Parlor of the Wesley Memorial Methodist Church. My real purpose in writing to you is to ask if you will be with us at this Georgia Workshop and give to us the same message you gave at our Methodist Interracial meeting last week. We really need you, and it will be a wonderful contribution you will make to our Workshop.

With the best of wishes to you, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

MET:fc

Of course, your expenses will be cared for by the Southern Regional Council.

February 1, 1957

Meridian Books
17 Union Square West
New York 3, New York

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed is our check for $146.50 in payment of sales from our consignment lot of Integration North and South. Copies were sold in the quantities and at the rates indicated below:

Basis	Number	Amount
Quantity @ 25¢	300	$ 75.00
Quantity @ 35¢	10	3.50
Quantity @ 30¢	100	30.00
Individual Copies @ 40¢	95	38.00
Totals	505	$146.50

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

Encl.

cc: Mr. Edward Reed

February 1, 1957

Mr. David F. Freeman
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
Sixty East Forty-Second Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Dave:

I accept with pleasure the invitation to the Washington dinner honoring the American Traditions Award winners, Both my wife and I wish she could be there too, but unfortunately that's not possible.

Now all I have to do is scare up a dinner jacket!

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

February 1, 1957

Mr. Milton C. Vigo
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

You are perfectly welcome to reprint any portions of Next Steps in the South. We'll look forward to seeing the next issue of Research in Action.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

cc: and copy of incoming to JC

February 1, 1957

Mr. Edwin J. Lukas
The American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Ed:

I was glad to see the Public Affairs Pamphlet based on Selma Hirsh's book. We thought very highly of the book when it was published and distributed some copies of it at that time. I should think that the pamphlet might get good program use.

If you can send us enough copies to circularize our main state people -- anything from a dozen to a hundred -- we can help make its availability known in the South.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

February 1, 1957

Mr. George Martin
Fund for the Republic, Inc.
News Film Service
619 West Fifty-Fourth Street
New York, New York

Dear George:

I've been meaning for some time to write you that the "changing of the guard" newsclip on SRC evidently got good use. I missed it myself, but others saw it on Atlanta's WAGA-TV, and George Mitchell and I have had word from friends scattered from Spartanburg, S. C., to Kansas City, who also saw it.

Many thanks for giving us so good an opportunity to plug the Council, and best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

cc: CHP

February 1, 1957

Mr. Philip Davidson
Office of the President
University of Louisville
Louisville 8, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Davidson:

Dr. Mitchell having left duty status as of January 15th, it falls to my unhappy lot to acknowledge your letter of declination of January 22nd.

I needn't say how disappointed we are not to have the benefit of your experience and ability on our Board as we try to make the Council a more effective instrument for achieving orderly change in the South. I hope, however, that we may feel free to consult you on appropriate occasions.

We should like to hope, too, that circumstances might permit you at a later time to reconsider membership on the Council's Board.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

February 1, 1957

Mrs. A. N. Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

I'm sorry as can be we weren't able to be represented at either of your meetings. As Mr. Dabbs will probably have told you, we were all up to our ears in a meeting of our own executive committee yesterday. As soon as we get our own situation under better control, we'll be more helpful.

I appreciate the information and clippings you've been sending. This kind of intelligence helps us to keep in touch as nothing else can. I've passed the clippings on internally, with the request that they be returned as you asked.

It is true that John Griffin has held some off-the-record conversation with the Clarendon County people about the possibility of a sociological study, but the matter has been dormant for some time and we doubt that anything will come of it. In the end, I don't think they would buy a guy like John, and I'm not sure he would buy them.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

February 1, 1957

Miss Ruth Landes
559 Chester Place
Pomona, California

Dear Miss Landes:

We have been in the midst of an organizational transition involving a change of directors and several policy meetings, so I must ask your pardon for this delay in replying to your inquiry.

I have read your article on Biracialism in American Society and your proposal for a Southern project with great interest. Undoubtedly an approach from the point of view of social anthropology could deepen our understanding of the South's racial problems and promising solutions to them.

Unfortunately, the Council's fact-finding program, which Hallock Hoffman had in mind, is approaching a conclusion. The funds available for the program are largely spent, or obligated for the completion of projects under way.

I have puzzled with my friends in the social sciences over the dearth of financial sources for research of this kind -- so far without achieving any solution. If anything promising appears on the horizon, I shall most certainly be writing you again.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

February 1, 1957

Mr. Edward Reed
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
Sixty East Forty-Second Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Ed:

Here at last are the lists for distribution of *America's Tenth Man*. They add up to more than you called for, but you may cut at will. The YM and YW lists were supplied by their field staffs, so that as far as we know one name is as important as another.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENU ANTA 3, GEO

~~GEORGE S. MITCHELL~~
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

February 1, 1957

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

MEMORANDUM

TO: MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

FROM: Harold C. Fleming, Executive Director

RE: Possible Special Meeting, February 25, 1957.

At the meeting of the Executive Committee January 29-30, the Committee considered at length the Council's present financial situation. Members who were not present will see from the enclosed financial report that the need for funds to meet salary and other general operating expenses is extremely urgent.

Various efforts by staff and policy people to meet this financial emergency were agreed upon. However, in view of the gravity of the situation, the Committee scheduled a tentative emergency meeting for Monday, February 25th. And those present agreed to reserve this date for that contingency.

The Executive Director, in consultation with the President and Chairman of the Executive Committee, will send out a definite notice of the meeting later in the month if sufficient new funds are not secured to ease the immediate situation. Meanwhile, please note February 25th at 10:00 a.m. as the tentative time of the emergency meeting, to be held at Atlanta University.

I regret that I must send out so grim a notice at the beginning of my tenure as Executive Director. But the staff believes that if we can weather this initial crisis, our longer range financing plans will put the Council on a sound footing. With your help and that of the other Board members, we need never face so bleak a prospect again.

HCF/eab
Encl.

February 1, 1957

Mr. William M. Cooper
Assistant in Research and
Public Relations
Hampton Institute
Box 203
Hampton, Virginia

Dear Mr. Cooper:

You should have received by now the W-2 Form reporting taxes withheld in 1956 by SRC.

I appreciate your assurances of support, and am looking forward to seeing you in March. Don't fail to pay a visit to the Council's offices.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

February 4, 1957

Mrs. Almita S. Robinson
2808 East 4th Street
Fort Worth 11, Texas

Dear Almita:

George Mitchell retired from the Executive Directorship of SRC on the 15th of January and Harold Fleming, who for ten years was editor of New South, has ascended.

At the present time we are in the process of reorganization and there are no staff positions open at the moment. I only wish there were, for I think highly of you and the work you have done.

I have made known your availability to Dr. Hylan Lewis, formerly of Atlanta University but now with the Unitarian Service Committee. He was excited about the possibilities of contacting you for work with that group. Might I suggest that you also contact the Executive Director of our state affiliate in Texas, Rev. Ed Kloppe, 504 West 24th Street, Austin, Texas. There is one other possibility - our state affiliate in Tennessee is without an Executive Director. The state organizations have complete control of choosing staff members; we have only the power of veto. We would not veto your selection. Contact Mrs. James (Mollie) Todd, 1489 Clairmont Place, Nashville, Tennessee.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

February 4, 1957

Mr. Milton C. Vigo
Executive Director
Louisiana Council on Human Relations
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans 12, La.

Dear Milton:

Confirming our telephone conversation of this afternoon, I am returning to you your check #57 for $200.00, marked "Void."

As I explained to you, running a check, for the purposes of a loan to the Louisiana Council, through our books would hamper and confuse our bookkeeping and also raises the question of tax exemption. I will discuss this further with you when I see you Thursday.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

Enclosure

cc: Mrs. Ruth House Alexander

February 4, 1957

AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

Mr. William Oliver
Fair Practices and Anti-Discrimination Department
United Automobile Workers, AFL-CIO
8000 East Jefferson Avenue
Detroit 14, Michigan

Dear Bill Oliver:

It was good to have met you even briefly in Ben Segal's office last month.

Would it be possible to get a rush order filled? One of our state affiliates, the Alabama Council on Human Relations, would like to have 100 copies of "Souls Don't Have Color," for a meeting this Friday, February 8th.

Please send the pamphlets to:

Mr. Al Winn
Stillman College
Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Bill this order to:

Mr. Bob Hughes, Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations
1218 Comer Building
Birmingham 3, Alabama.

I'm sorry to ask for these in such a rush, but it would be a real service if the order could be filled.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

February 4, 1957

Mr. Francis L. Hurwitz
Boston University
Human Relations Center
308 Bay State Road
Boston 15, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Hutwitz:

We have received the brochure on the Fourth Annual Workshop at Boston University directed by Kenneth Benne.

If you will send us twelve additional copies, we will mail them to our affiliated state organizations.

The description of methods and contents of the workshop looks exciting.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

February 4, 1957

February 4, 1957

Mr. George K. Hunton
Catholic Interracial Council
20 Vesey Street
New York 7, New York

Dear George:

We have reviewed the Handbook on Catholic School Integration and confirmed our impression of what a good job it was. I am afraid at this point we can get in on the printing only for a very small quantity, but I would appreciate your adding in an extra hundred for us.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

February 4, 1957

Mr. David Freeman
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
Sixty East Forty-Second Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Dave:

Enclosed is a bill from Atlanta University covering meals and lodging of the staff representatives attending the inter-agency conference January 23-24.

We can handle this however you wish -- by paying the bill ourselves with reimbursement from the Fund, or by payment to Atlanta University directly by the Fund. We will be guided by your decision on this.

Those present at the conference, on behalf of their respective agencies, were most appreciative of the Fund's generosity in absorbing this part of the cost of the conference, and I believe the results will justify this evidence of support.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

Encl.

February 4, 1957

Mr. Robert E. Hughes
1218 Comer Building
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Bob:

Your order for literature is being mailed today with the exception of the two pamphlets, *How to Stop Violence and Intimidation in Your Community* and *Souls Don't Have Color*. ADL says that *How to Stop Violence* is out of print and they do not contemplate a new printing. They are sending you one copy with permission to mimeograph it if you wish. As to the *Souls*, Emory Via contacted UAW here and they do not have quantity of the pamphlet; but he is rushing an order to Detroit for you in hopes that it will get to Alabama by Saturday. Hope it does.

Best wishes for your annual meeting.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/eab

February 4, 1957

The Honorable Charles C. Diggs, Jr.
Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In reference to your request of January 30, we are sending you a copy of our news release of January 7th, pertaining to bus desegregation in Southern cities. The names of these cities were obtained from our files of newspaper clippings and similar sources. In each instance the current seating patterns were checked by phone or mail with an individual in the cities mentioned. There may well be other Southern cities in this category which have not been called to our attention.

At least one city, Chattanooga, has desegregated its buses since the time of the enclosed release.

If we can be of further help please call on us.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony

PA/eab
Encl.

February 4, 1957

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Benjamin Segal

FROM: Harold C. Fleming

Re: Morton Elder's Tax Situation

This is to sum up [illegible] what I said on the telephone today about our problem with respect to Morton Elder's salary for the project last summer.

The problem arises from the fact that we paid him currently during the project period and our Secretary-Treasurer withheld income and social security taxes. The amount of salary paid was exactly $2,000. Then when the time came for you to pick up your part of the expenses, we agreed (without enough forethought on my part) that you would send the check for $2,000 directly to Elder and that he could endorse the check back over to the Council, which he did. Then the Fund for the Republic filed an information return showing the payment of $2,000 compensation to Elder. This leaves him with the Internal Revenue Service as showing the same amount earned twice and obligating him to another tax payment on the amount.

The best solution by all odds, if it is possible, would be for the Fund to file an amendment with the IRS stating that the $2,000 to Elder was not salary, but was for travel expenses incurred in the project. Enclosed are copies of Elder's travel vouchers, and as you will see the total amount is almost the same as the salary. As to the difference, I am sure we can work that out by rebate to the Fund or whatever is thought best.

The reason why I strongly hope that it can be handled this way is twofold: (1) Elder got into a similar mix-up with the tax people in another organizational project, and he feels that he would have a difficult time satisfying them again on a second go-around simply by his own explanations; also I do not think that Elder is the best equipped person to handle this kind of thing. Secondly, some of the SRC's fiscal arrangements -- notably those with our state affiliates -- are under review, and this is a rather poor time for us to be explaining an irregularity. Moreover, if we do it that way, the status of the $2,000 check that Elder made over to us would be pretty ambiguous.

Was it a contribution or what?

I am sorry that all this arose, but I hope it can be straightened out without any great difficulty. In any case, I will appreciate your seeing what you can do and letting me know the result as soon as you can.

HCF/eab

February 4, 1957

Dr. Harold L. Lunger
Department of Christian Ethics
Brite College of the Bible
Texas Christian University
Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Harold:

It was good to meet you at the meeting in New York with Frank Loescher.

I have received your letter asking for a list of our publications, which I enclose. You can obtain New South by sending us $2.00, or better, by joining the Texas Commission on Race Relations, 504 West 24th Street, Austin, Texas. This will cost you $5.00, but will make you a participating member of one of our affiliates. I am also enclosing a list of other helpful materials for consideration for use at your summer institute.

Please feel free about writing me as your plans emerge. I'll be glad to help in any way possible. I know a number of good sociologists that you might want to consider for the staff of your workshop.

Warm personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

P.S. I am sending you under separate cover a few pieces of material that might be helpful to you.

FBR:mm

Enclosures

(1) Ashmore - *The Negro and the Schools*, U. of N.C. Press, Chapel Hill, N.C., 1954

(2) Clark - *Prejudice and Your Child*, Beacon Press, Boston, Mass., 1955

(3) Hill and Greenburg - *Citizens' Guide to Desegregation*, Beacon Press, Boston, Mass., 1955

(4) Hirsh - *The Fears Men Live By*, Harper and Brothers, New York, 1955

(5) Myrdal - *An American Dilemma*, Harper and Brothers, New York, 1944

(6) Williams and Ryan - *Schcols In Transition*, U. of N.C., Chapel Hill, N.C., 1954

(7) Woodward, C. Vann - *The Strange Career of Jim Crow*, Oxford University Press, New York, 1955

Also Helpful:

(1) *The Journal of Negro Education*, Howard University Press, Washington, D.C. ($4.00 per annum)

(2) *Phylon* (review of race and culture), Atlanta University Press, Atlanta, Georgia ($2.00)

February 5, 1957

Mr. Vernon A. Eagle
Executive Director
New World Foundation
120 South LaSalle Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Mr. Eagle:

Enclosed are two recent items pertaining to the work of the Council which I believe you will find of interest.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

Encls.
Ltr. from John Alexander 1/29/57
"The South of Promise"

February 5, 1957

Mr. J. T. McCain
317 W. Bartlette Street
Sumter, South Carolina

Dear Mr. McCain:

A copy of a recent letter to Mr. Van Arkel is enclosed for your information. I have written both Mrs. Spearman and Miss Rebecca Reid concerning the matter. I presume if the committee does a news release that the wire services would bring it to the South Carolina area; otherwise, we would suggest that a little press relations on the part of the South CarolinaCouncil concerning the release might help.

We will keep in touch with you on further developments.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

Enclosure

JC/bsc

February 5, 1957

Mrs. A. N. Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter to Mr. Van Arkel concerning the forthcoming speech of Rep. Williams. We thought this might be the best approach.

Could you supply Mr. Van Arkel with news clips or a copy of the speech?

I do hope this works.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

Enclosure

JC/bec

February 5, 1957

Miss Rebecca Reid
29 East Calhoun Street
Sumter, South Carolina

Dear Miss Reid:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter to Mr. Van Arkel in Washington. We thought this would be the best approach to the matter. I have written Mrs. Spearman asking that she supply Mr. Van Arkel with any news clipping or other material on Rep. Williams speech.

Perhaps this will help.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

Enclosure

JC/bsc

February 5, 1957

Dr. Lewis Killian
Dept. of Sociology
Florida State University
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Dr. Killian:

I am enclosing a briefing statement on North Carolina which Mr. John Hope asked that we send you.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/hb

February 5, 1957

Mrs. Bonita Valien
Fish University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Valien:

I an enclosing a briefing statement on North Carolina which Mr. John Hope asked that we send you.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/hb

February 5, 1957

Dr. C. H. Parrish
926 South Sixth Street
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear C. H.:

John Hope asked that I send you the enclosed statement on North Carolina.

Sincerely,

Florence Irving

FBI/hb

February 5, 1957

Mr. John Hope
Fish University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear John:

I am enclosing the briefing statement on

North Carolina

Sincerely,

Florence Irving.

FBI/hb

cc: Miss Taylor

February 5, 1957

Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Moench
312½ 27 3/8 Road
Grand Junction, Colorado

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Moench:

It was extremely kind of you to assist the Council so promptly after learning of our work from Miss Taylor. The fact that your gift was unexpected makes it all the more welcome and appreciated.

It is pleasant for us, too, to hear from people who are as deeply interested in our work as you are. I am enclosing several documents that deal with the history of the Council, our current activities, the newly approved plan of staff organization, and a special summary of consultant activities during 1956.* Separately, I am sending several of our publications that bear somewhat on the work of the Council and extensively on race relations developments in the region.

I fear I am sending too much rather than too little, but if this material leaves you with further questions, do feel free to put them to me. I am placing you on the mailing list to receive our monthly publication New South and such other publications and special releases as we issue from time to time.

With appreciation and good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

*Also enclosed are brief identifications of our staff members and a similar list of consultants that we have used for internal purposes.

HCF/eab
Encls.

February 5, 1957

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

We are writing to our past contributors asking them for renewed and, if possible, increased assistance in 1957. The letter is being accompanied by a quickly prepared program report on our work, copies of which will reach you in a separate mailing.

One of the names that pops up is that of Mr. Dudley of New York. Normally I would write him along with the rest, but since I know of your friendship with him, I would like to have your approval before I do so. Enclosed is a copy of a letter which suggests the vein in which I would write.

I might also take this occasion to remind you of your undertaking to explore the possibility of aid from the Reynolds family foundation through Mr. Babcock in Winston Salem. In view of our parlous circumstances, anything you can do on this in the immediate period will be most helpful.

I have your letter of February 1st, and will answer it separately within a day or two.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encl.

February 5, 1957

Mr. David Dubinsky
International Ladies Garment Workers Union
1710 Broadway
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Dubinsky:

Since George Mitchell wrote you recently asking for renewed assistance from the ILGWU in 1957, I have taken on the responsibilities of Director of the Southern Regional Council. Having worked with Dr. Mitchell for 10 years, I have shared with him the feeling of encouragement which the support of organized labor has given us in the Council. Therefore, I wanted to add my own word of appreciation for the past help of the ILGWU, and the hope that we may expect renewed support -- if possible, in the amount of $1,000 -- for 1957.

The Council faces a special and immediate need. In this, the third and last year of Fund for the Republic support to our state-organization program, the allocation for our central activities is drastically reduced. Accordingly, we have a greatly enlarged fund-raising task at just the time when we are undertaking to expand our efforts to meet the mounting demands on an organization of this kind in the South.

As you know, pressures and tensions have multiplied in the South in the last two years. And as the challenge has grown, the Council has sought to increase its staff and activities to meet it. The enclosed report gives a brief account of where we stand today. I hope it conveys, too, some notion of our conviction that this regional movement, almost uniquely, can unite Southerners of good will for effective actions at a time when reactionary forces are trying to divide and intimidate them.

In this effort, we count the unions among our most valuable allies. We have just acquired the full-time services, as labor consultant, of Emory Via -- a native Southerner, a staunch friend of organized labor, and an

experienced staffer in workers education. He is able, discreet, and devoted to the principles of unionism.

Through his special efforts, we plan to increase our services to unions through the South -- as a resource for conferences, education programs, and through fact-finding and information. Thus 1957 should bring us into even closer working relationship with labor in the South. The enclosed report gives a summary statement of our present and planned activities in this field.

I hope we may count on the financial assistance of the ILGWU -- and, even more important, on your friendship and cooperation as we work toward our common goals.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encl.

cc: Mr. ~~McCann~~ McCain
Mrs. Spearman
Miss Rebecca Reid

February 5, 1957

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

Mr. Gerhard Van Arkel, Chairman
Washington Committee on the Public Schools
1701 "K" Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Van Arkel:

Representative John Bell Williams of Mississippi is slated to speak February 7, 1957 to the Sumter County, South Carolina, White Citizens' Councils concerning the recent Davis investigation of the Washington, D. C. schools.

We presume, in the light of past records, that this speech will contain only the negative aspects of the school system's operation. The South Carolina Council on Human Relations, an affiliate of the Southern Regional Council, is interested in getting the truth before the public in the Sumter County area and has asked our aid.

Therefore, we wonder if your committee would be interested in setting the record straight following Representative Williams' speech. We think a news release from your committee would be the most effective means of pointing up the true situation in Washington. If we supply you copies of news stories following the speech, would you undertake such a news release?

If you decide that a news release would be effective, please mail a copy to the Southern Regional Council and one to Mrs. Alice Spearman, South Carolina Council on Human Relations, 1508 Lady Street, Columbia, South Carolina.

Thank you for any consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/eab

February 5, 1957

Mr. Walter Reuther
President
United Automobile, Aircraft & Agricultural
Implement Workers of America
8000 East Jefferson Avenue
Detroit 14, Michigan

Dear Mr. Reuther:

Since George Mitchell wrote you recently asking for renewed assistance from the Automobile Workers in 1957, I have taken on the responsibilities of Director of the Southern Regional Council. Having worked with Dr. Mitchell for 10 years, I have shared with him the feeling of encouragement which the support of organized labor has given us in the Council. Therefore, I wanted to add my own word of appreciation for the past help of the UAW, and the hope that we may expect renewed support -- if possible, in an increased amount -- for 1957.

The Council faces a special and immediate need. In this, the third and last year of Fund for the Republic support to our state-organization program, the allocation for our central activities is drastically reduced. Accordingly, we have a greatly enlarged fund-raising task at just the time when we are undertaking to expand our efforts to meet the mounting demands on an organization of this kind in the South.

As you know, pressures and tensions have multiplied in the South in the last two years. And as the challenge has grown, the Council has sought to increase its staff and activities to meet it. The enclosed report gives a brief account of where we stand today. I hope it conveys, too, some notion of our conviction that this regional movement, almost uniquely, can unite Southerners of good will for effective actions at a time when reactionary forces are trying to divide and intimidate them.

In this effort, we count the unions among our most valuable allies. We have just acquired the full-time services, as labor consultant, of Emory Via -- a native Southerner, a staunch friend of organized labor, and an

experienced staffer in workers education. He is able, discreet, and devoted to the principles of unionism.

Through his special efforts, we plan to increase our services to unions throughout the South -- as a resource for conferences, education programs, and through fact-finding and information. Thus 1957 should bring us into even closer working relationship with labor in the South. The enclosed report gives a summary statement of our present and planned activities in this field.

I hope we may count on the financial assistance of the UAW -- and, even more important, on your friendship and cooperation as we work toward our common goals.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encl.

February 5, 1957

Mr. L. S. Buckmaster
United Rubber, Cork, Linoleum
& Plastic Workers of America
URW Building
High at Mill Street
Akron 8, Ohio

Dear Mr. Buckmaster:

Since George Mitchell wrote you recently asking for renewed assistance from the Rubber Workers in 1957, I have taken on the responsibilities of Director of the Southern Regional Council. Having worked with Dr. Mitchell for 10 years, I have shared with him the feeling of encouragement which the support of organized labor has given us in the Council. Therefore, I wanted to add my own word of appreciation for the past help of the Rubber Workers, and the hope that we may expect renewed support — if possible, in the amount of $500 — for 1957.

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Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/cab
Encl.

February 5, 1957

Mr. W. H. Frey
1607 Briardale Lane
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Frey:

You have been an understanding and generous friend of the Southern Regional Council. As 1957 gets underway and we plan increased activity -- diminished as we are by George Mitchell's retirement! -- we face a special and immediate need. If you can assist the Council again at this time, we shall be deeply grateful and the work of the Council will be benefitted out of all proportion.

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On a personal note, I might add that I have been vastly encouraged, on assuming a position of formidable responsibility, by the spirit of dedication which both the staff members and lay leadership of the Council have shown.

I hope we will have a chance one day soon to get acquainted. Meanwhile, kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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Encl.

February 5, 1957

Mrs. Marion R. Ascoli
The Marion R. Ascoli Fund
100 Park Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mrs. Ascoli:

You have been an understanding and generous friend of the Southern Regional Council. As 1957 gets underway and we plan increased activity -- diminished as we are by George Mitchell's retirement! -- we face a special and immediate need. If the Marion R. Ascoli Fund can assist the Council again at this time, we shall be deeply grateful and the work of the Council will be benefitted out of all proportion.

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With appreciation and kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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Encl.

February 5, 1957

Mrs. George Wolfe
7901 Carroll Avenue
Takoma Park, Maryland

Dear Mrs. Wolfe:

You have been an understanding and generous friend of the Southern Regional Council. As 1957 gets underway and we plan increased activity -- diminished as we are by George Mitchell's retirement! -- we face a special and immediate need. If you can assist the Council again at this time, we shall be deeply grateful and the work of the Council will be benefitted out of all proportion.

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On a personal note, I might add that I have been vastly encouraged, on assuming a position of formidable responsibility, by the spirit of dedication which both the staff members and lay leadership of the Council have shown.

George Mitchell has told me many times of the pleasant visits he has enjoyed with you and your husband. Next time I am to be in Washington, I will write ahead in the hope of meeting you.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encl.

February 5, 1957

Mr. Al Kehrer, Regional Director
International Ladies Garment Workers Union
1489 Gordon Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Al:

The enclosed leaflet, "The South of Promise," will give you some idea of the work and purposes of the Southern Regional Council. We can talk about any specifics you like when we lunch with Harold Fleming.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

February 5, 1957

Mr. Morton Elder
1518 Forty-Sixth Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mort:

I want you to know that we aren't neglecting the tax problem which inadvertently arose over your salary for the fact-finding project last summer. I am in close communication with Ben Segal about it, and he is working with the fiscal people at the Fund for the Republic toward the end of getting the information report rescinded, which shows the second payment of the $2,000 to you. These things take time, for which I am sorry, but I hope to give you the answer so that you can proceed with the filing of your return soon.

It was good to see you at the Atlanta University conference week before last.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

February 5, 1957

Mr. John G. Pollard
Somers,
Virginia

Dear Mr. Pollard:

Our Board has done itself the honor of electing you to fill a vacancy for the current term. Your identification with the Council's Board is of long-standing, and I am assuming that you will need little refreshing as to what the Council is and how it works. However, I am enclosing a copy of our last quarterly report, and a current list of Board members, from which you will get some background on where we stand at the moment.

As you may know George Mitchell has recently left duty with the Council for an extended and well-earned sojourn in Scotland. Notwithstanding this heavy loss, the work is continuing unabated, and we feel confident that the Council can make an important contribution to orderly change in the South in the period ahead.

I hope you will find it possible to accept this position on the Board, and that I will have the pleasure of meeting you in the not-too-distant future.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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Encls.

February 5, 1957

Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton
The Atlanta Urban League
239 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Grace:

Both the staff and Executive Committee are very pleased that you have accepted membership on the Council's Board of Directors. I don't have to tell you that I will hope to be working very closely with you as we try to make the Council an ever more effective instrument.

At the January 29-30 meeting of the Executive Committee you were one of the two Board members named to the Nominating Committee for 1957, which is charged with bringing in nominations for officers and Board vacancies at the next annual meeting. The second person named was Phil Hammer, and the members appointed at the annual meeting were J. McDowell Richards, Mr. C. G. Gomillion, and Mr. Benjamin Mays. This year, in particular, the Nominating Committee has a vital function to perform, and I hope we can count on your service.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

February 5, 1957

Mr. Philip G. Hammer
70 Fairlie Street
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Phil:

At the January 29-30 meeting of the Executive Committee, the Committee named two additional members to the 1957 Nominating Committee, which is charged with the responsibility for nominating officers and new Board members at the next annual meeting. The two additional members named were yourself and Grace Hamilton. The existing members are Mr. McDowell Richards, Mr. C. G. Gomillion, and Mr. Benjamin Mays.

I am well aware that at this point another committee assignment is the last thing you need. However, I think I can assure you that the amount of time this will take will be very slight, although the final decisions that will be made are of vital importance. In any case, I will do everything within my power to prevent this becoming another burden.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

February 5, 1957

Mr. Carter Wesley
P. O. Box 3086
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Wesley:

At its January 29-30 meeting, our Executive Committee accepted with great regret your resignation as Vice-President of the Southern Regional Council. The Council has benefitted in many ways from your steady friendship and support, and I hope that we may continue to look upon you as a very special supporter of this movement.

The Committee appreciated your suggestion that Mr. Charles Shaw be named to fill the position. No action can be taken on this matter until the next annual meeting; since vice-presidents must be elected by the full Council. At that time, however, your letter will be before the group and I am sure they will entertain your recommendation. Incidentally, Mr. Shaw is one of our most valued members.

Do let us have the benefit of your advice and suggestions as we try to advance the goals of the Council in the months and years ahead.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

Same letter to:

Rufus E. Clement
John A. Griffin
Harry V. Richardson
Josephine Wilkins

February 5, 1957

Mr. B. R. Brazeal
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Brazeal:

At its January 29-30 meeting, the Executive Committee authorized the creation of a sub-committee made up of the Atlanta members which might advise the staff on important questions in the interim between meetings of the full Committee. It also was agreed that the sub-committee should feel free to include in its deliberations such Atlanta members of the Board as it deemed desirable.

The staff of the Council was gratified by this action. We face many important day-to-day decisions at this time of transition, and it is comforting to us to feel that we can call on some of our most valued policy people for advice when it is needed.

No immediate meeting of the Atlanta sub-committee is contemplated, but you will be hearing from me again a little later. Meanwhile, I hope you will give us the benefit of any suggestions or recommendations that occur to you. We on the staff are looking forward to a period of even greater cooperation with members of the policy group, and we look upon the Atlanta members as being especially close partners in this working relationship.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

February 5, 1957

Mrs. Kenneth Parker
11435 Plainfield Road
La Grange, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Parker:

George Mitchell has probably written you about his plans to take leave of his work with the Council so that he can have a well-deserved change of pace in the Highlands of Scotland. Before he left, he told me of your long-standing interest in the Council's efforts, and of your generous assistance to it from time to time.

I think you will be interested in the enclosed report which sums up briefly the activities we are carrying on, a few achievements of recent months, and what we hope to do in the months ahead. The need for the kind of thing that the Council, almost uniquely, does in the South has been increasing at a tremendous rate within the last two years. And we have been trying to increase our efforts accordingly. As the enclosed report is intended to make clear, we feel that this is a time when the Council must make its most effective contribution to the growth of democracy in the South.

All of this is to say that I earnestly hope that the Council will have your continued confidence and support, and that we may look forward to a renewal of your contribution for 1957.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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Encl.

February 5, 1957

Miss Anna Lord Strauss
Twenty-Seven East Sixty-Ninth Street
New York, New York

Dear Miss Strauss:

You have been an understanding and generous friend of the Southern Regional Council. As 1957 gets underway and we plan increased activity -- diminished as we are by George Mitchell's retirement -- we face a special and immediate need. If you can assist the Council again at this time, we shall be deeply grateful and the work of the Council will be benefitted out of all proportion.

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On a personal note, I might add that I have been vastly encouraged, on assuming a position of formidable responsibility, by the spirit of dedication which both the staff members and lay leadership of the Council have shown.

I hope to renew our acquaintance the next time I am in New York. Meanwhile, my best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encl.

February 5, 1957

Mr. David Silberman
Sigmund Silberman Foundation
1117 West Thirty-Fifth Street
Chicago 9, Illinois

Dear Mr. Silberman:

You have been an understanding and generous friend of the Southern Regional Council. As 1957 gets underway and we plan increased activity — diminished as we are by George Mitchell's retirement! — we face a special and immediate need. If the Sigmund Silberman Foundation can assist the Council again at this time, we shall be deeply grateful and the work of the Council will be benefitted out of all proportion.

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I hope I will have an opportunity one day to make your acquaintance. Meanwhile, kindest regards and good wishes.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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February 5, 1957

Mr. Frederick Jeffrey
Fox Run Lane
Greenwich, Connecticut

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Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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February 5, 1957

Miss Elizabeth Stein
1008 Monroe Drive
Bloomington, Illinois

Dear Miss Stein:

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Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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Encl.

February 5, 1957

Mrs. Lucius R. Eastman
121 Marmaroneck Road
Scarsdale, New York

Dear Mrs. Eastman:

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With appreciation and kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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Encl.

February 5, 1957

Miss Jean H. Shannon
The School of Public Health
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Miss Shannon:

In answer to your letter of January 30, 1957, we are sorry but all of the December, 1956, issues of New South have been sold. If the member of the faculty still desires to use this material in one of his classes, he has our permission to mimeograph it or use it in any other way he sees fit.

We are very sorry we cannot supply quantity of this issue, but for future references single copies of New South are 20¢, quantity rates are 15¢ each.

Please let us know if we can be of any aid to you.

Sincerely,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC;fc

February 5, 1957

Mr. Richard Plyler
Carson-Newman College
Jefferson City, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Plyler:

We have mailed you, under separate cover, some material concerning the Southern Regional Council. If we can be of any additional help, please do not hesitate to write us.

Sincerely,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:fc

February 5, 1957

Mr. Will Campbell
1716 West End Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Campbell:

Following our conversation of last week, I would add these two sentences:

(1) You remember he said he would entertain the idea, which I interpreted to mean he would have to know exactly the purpose of the Conference with the President before he would commit himself.

(2) I am sure he would be equally as frank to you about his feelings on the issue, and would not go unless you both understood each other.

I believe with these two sentences you would be safe in pursuing the matter further. In fact he is expecting the National Council to do so.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly,
Director Women's Work

MET:fc

February 5, 1957

Dr. Robert G. Armstrong
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Armstrong:

On March 1st, from 10:00 - 3:30, I will have together Church women leaders over Georgia, with some few from labor, in a Workshop on the Supreme Court decision. I would like so much to have you give the essence of your paper or your paper in full on "The Scientific Approach to Human Relations".

This will be a new approach to them and will be most appreciated. We will want our presentations to come early in the morning, and the rest of the time will be devoted to the Workshop. I would say we would need this about 10:40. I sincerely hope you can arrange your schedule to do this for us. It will be a real service, not only to the women, but I hope to their Communities when they go back home. I was deeply impressed with your article and wish to thank you for giving it to us.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly,
Diredtor, Women's Work

MET:fc

February 5, 1957

Mrs. L. J. Bahin
410 Rugby Avenue
College Park, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Bahin:

You will see from the enclosed letter we are to have our Workshop for Georgia women on the current issue of human relations here in the South. I hope you will find it convenient to be with us, and I would appreciate it very much if you would either phone in to the Southern Regional Council, or send a note to me at the Southern Regional Council listing the women of Georgia from your denomination who would happen to be your area officers in the field of human relations. Then we shall send them an invitation. You will note from the letter that we will pay the expenses.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly,
Director, Women's Work

MET:fc

February 5, 1957

Mrs. William C. New
610 Jefferson Avenue
College Park, Georgia

Dear Mrs. New:

Pursuing further our conversation about the Workshop on Human Relations, I am sending you a copy of the letter that has been mailed out. I have you listed to lead our Worship the opening hour of 10:00 am. Of course, I understand you will let me know later if something will prevent your being with us, but heres hoping nothing will.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly,

MET:fc
Encl.

February 5, 1957

Mrs. Candler Tatum
2422 15th Avenue, S.
Birmingham 5, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Tatum:

I believe it is time again for us to have an Alabama meeting. I am wondering if it would be possible to work up one with all the help we can give you here in the office, for March 5th -- or had we better have a planning meeting that day for a later meeting?

I could be in Montgomery and of course, would have the money to bring the group of you together who have the responsibility, the conviction, and the concern. And if we have a State meeting at that time, or later, I would have the $200 for you.

I would appreciate your letting me hear from you as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

MET:fc

February 5, 1957

Mrs. Earl P. Andrews
3135 Audubon Road
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Andrews:

I believe it is time again for us to have an Alabama meeting. I am wondering if it would be possible to work up one with all the help we can give you here in the office, for March 5th -- or had we better have a planning meeting that day for a later meeting?

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I would appreciate your letting me hear from you as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

MET:fc

February 5, 1957

Mrs. J. O. Cobb
214 Brown Circle
Smyrna, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Cobb:

Enclosed you will find the notice of a Workshop for Georgia women March 1st. In this connection, I would like it very much if you would send me a list of your area Chairman over the State that should come to this meeting. Of course, we would send them an invitation and also have funds for their travel.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

MET:fc
Encl.

February 5, 1957

Mrs. John D. Broadmann
1061 Wesley Drive, N W
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Broadmann:

Enclosed you will find a notice of the Workshop we will have on March 1st. I would appreciate it if you would give me a list of area women of your denomination over the state whom you feel should be at this Workshop. We would send them an invitation, and also have funds to pay for their travel.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

MET:fc
Encl.

February 5, 1957

Miss Katherine Taylor
41 Hawthorne
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Katherine:

How grateful we are to you for interesting Mr. and Mrs. Moench in our work -- and over such a distance so quickly!

We were pleased, of course, by the unexpected and warmly welcome contribution, but almost equally so by the quality of interest revealed in their detailed questions about our operation. As you will see from the enclosed copy of my reply, we are supplying a surfeit of answers.

I am also enclosing two other items - our newly prepared summary of the work and a copy of a letter reporting an official school board request for our consultant services. I have also sent a copy of each to Mr. Eagle.

With deep appreciation and warm regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:sm

Enclosures

C O P Y

February 5, 1957

Mr. John Alexander
American Friends Service Committee
Box 1307
High Point, North Carolina

Dear John:

We were most encouraged by the possibilities you have developed in Swain County, and I send you a copy of the enclosed letter from John Hope to Galen Martin as evidence that we are working on the recruitment of an appropriate consultant. You will hear from us at once when we have settled on a likely candidate or candidates.

There is no reason at all why, after this initial experience, we shouldn't try Yancey County or others similarly situated.

The fact that the Swain County Board of Education officially voted to make this request is a real tribute to your effective handling of the situation.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:mm

Enclosure

cc: Mr. John Hope, II

February 5, 1957

(Dictated February 4)

Mr. P. D. East
P. O. Box 349
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Dear P. D.:

It was good having you with us yesterday, and I am hoping that you are at this very moment finding gold in them New York hills.

Just to show you that I am a man of my word, I am sending herewith a check for $300 to cover an additional one hundred subscriptions. Also enclosed is a list of involuntary subscribers to be covered by this $300 plus the $300 from Ed Lukas which I sent earlier. Feel free to deal with the editors listed in the light of our discussion yesterday.

I will shortly be sending you a further check and list for fifteen subscribers -- as soon as I have the supplementary amount necessary from the donor.

I am mailing you separately the two booklets which you were kind enough to say you wanted.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encls.

February 6, 1957

AIR MAIL

Mr. Vernon A. Eagle
Executive Director
The New World Foundation
120 South LaSalle Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Mr. Eagle:

Thanks for your good letter.

I am enclosing a copy of the letter from the Treasury Department of April, 1946, showing our tax-exempt status. Our accountant is just finishing our annual audit, so unfortunately I am not able to send you a copy at once. It should be finished ~~or~~ & reproduced within a week or so, and at that time I will get it to you.

Best wishes for a successful Board meeting.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encl.

February 6, 1957

Mr. Lamar Clements
167 Walton Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Lamar:

Mrs. Knox tells me you may be of some help in securing voluntary help for us and that you would like some idea as to schedules and type of work needed.

At this point, and for the foreseeable future, we need help in all our work. And, within limits, we can work in almost any schedule available. We particularly need clerical help, typing, etc., and help in our mailings -- addressing, stuffing envelopes, etc. Our research unit needs assistance in clipping, cataloging, and filing newspapers and magazines. This type of work can be done any time during the day, often including Saturday, and can be done in short or long spurts. We would like, however, to have a definite schedule for volunteers so that we would know who would show up when. This is especially desirable for the volunteers who are willing to accept some of the duties which carry considerable responsibility.

Anything you can do to help us in this matter will be strongly appreciated. And for those who may volunteer their services, there should be some reward in the satisfaction of doing a good work, badly needed.

Best regards,

Paul Anthony

PA/eab

February 6, 1957

Mrs. Harry Strauss
2001 E. Moreland Blvd.
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Strauss:

I will be in Knoxville at a meeting of Methodist women on March 24-25th, and will be at the Andrew Johnson Hotel. I would so like to see you while I am there.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

MET:FC

February 6, 1957

Mrs. L. S. Ashley
1611 Drake Street
Ocala, Florida

Dear Mrs. Ashley:

Please wire me collect if you still think it is wise for me to come to Ocala and drive down with you. Of course, it will all depend on what time you are leaving because I might not make connection.

Hurriedly,

Dorothy Tilly

MET:fc

February 6, 1957

Mrs. C. E. Biggerstaff
4906 Adamson Street
Orlando, Florida

Dear Mrs. Biggerstaff:

I don't know whether you understood or not that I will have Workbooks for your group, and I will put in them the two Worship services we had at our South-wide meeting -- the one by Mrs. Johnson, and the other by the Rabbi.

This does not mean that you need use them, but we will ask your group to read them overnight if you do not have time to use them in your program.

Mrs. Ashley wrote me something about coming to Orlando and driving down with her. The weather has been such that planes have not been landing at our Airport, but I will write to her and see if she still thinks this will be possible.

Looking forward to being with you.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

MET:fe

February 6, 1957

Mr. Adam Yarmolinsky
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
60 East Forty-Second Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Adam:

I thought you would like to see the two items enclosed — a chronology of Southern developments since the Supreme Court decision, and a new progress report on our work.

The chronology has an interesting history. It grew out of John Bartlow Martin's visit with us and his insatiable quest for information. He suggested that if we could see the important developments, in order, over the two and one-half year period, we might find some patterns that would be suggestive. We did this kind of compilation hastily for him and have since pruned and refined it a bit for the present version.

I hear from the grapevine that you have done us yet another service by interpreting our situation to Baldwin. I am grateful.

Hope to see you in Washington on the 21st.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encls.

February 6, 1957

The Protestant Hour
WSB - Radio
1601 W. Peachtree, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

Please send me a copy of the sermon presented by Dr. Turner on the Protestant Hour Sunday, February 3.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:mm

February 6, 1957

Mr. L. H. Persells
7036 Altama Road
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Les:

When you were up here in "Tara" for the GSM affair, I promised to send you the names of several good eggs in Jacksonville. All of these guys have worked with our affiliate in Florida. You might even consider joining it - for $5.00 you too can be popular at parties - you may even get engaged!

The good eggs:

1. Davisson Dunlap
   Adair, Ulmer, Kent, et al
   Barnett Bank Building

2. Crawford Solomon
   Convention Press
   218 West Church Street

3. Mr. I. H. Burney
   Afro-American Life Insurance Company
   101 East Union

Our Florida affiliate's address:

Bill Williams, Executive Director
324 South Beach Street
Daytona Beach, Florida.

Regards to the family.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

February 6, 1957

AIR MAIL

Miss Mary Alice Baldinger
Executive Director
National Civil Liberties Clearing House
1637 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mary Alice Baldinger:

Many thanks for the check, which goes a long way toward meeting the cost of the mimeographed reports. The 350 copies were mailed last Friday, addressed as you suggested.

I'm glad to learn that the program is shaping up so well. As for my part, I'll be glad to emphasize the civil liberties issues arising from the efforts to maintain segregated schools. It does occur to me that it would take someone professionally versed in constitutional law to give a proper picture of the mass of oppressive legislation enacted by Southern states. But that is something for you and the Program Committee to decide in the light of the total concerns of the conference.

Enclosed is yet another Special Report which you might find of interest. We expect it to be of value to people who will need specific references on post-school decision developments

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encl. "The South and the Supreme Court's School Decisions"

February 6, 1957

AIR MAIL

Mr. Michael Straight
The New Republic
1244 Nineteenth Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mike:

Thanks for your warm and encouraging letter. There's no one whose good opinion I'd rather have.

I am to be in Washington for the Fund for the Republic dinner Thursday, February 21st. I will call you in the hope that we can get together, at least briefly.

Also, on one side or another of that date I will be in New York -- almost certainly on Friday, the 22nd. If there's anything I can do there to further our request, please advise me.

Jane and Gary (who still prizes the battery-powered fire engine above most things) join in best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming

HCF/eab

February 7, 1957

Mr. H. D. Ferris, President
Tennessee Library Association
U. T. M. B. Library
Martin, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Ferris:

We certainly appreciate the report on public library service to Negroes in Tennessee. It provides us with more comprehensive information for Tennessee than for any of the other Southern states. I have assumed that the 52 main libraries which offer all their services to Negroes also offer all their services to white persons, and that none of these serves Negroes exclusively. If this is an incorrect assumption, please inform me.

We are trying to update our list of integrated libraries for other states and will provide you with a complete report when it is available.

Copies of "What's Happening in School Integration" and "Attitudes on Desegregation" are enclosed.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI:mm

Enclosures

February 7, 1957

Miss Christine Alexander
Tennessee A. and I. College
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear Miss Alexander:

Your letter to Dr. Mitchell has been referred to me. Effective January 15, Dr. Mitchell resigned, and Mr. Harold Fleming became the new Executive Director.

Under separate cover I have sent you several publications. Please send us sixty-five cents to cover the cost of Integration North and South and Changing Patterns.

There are no charges for the other items.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI:mm

February 7, 1957

Mr. Herman R. Phillips
Box 136, Atlanta University
Atlanta 14, Georgia

Dear Mr. Phillips:

I am enclosing a copy of a Council release on bus desegregation.

For several years we have kept newspaper clippings on desegregation in transportation. You are welcome to the use of these clippings in our office. Race Relations Law Reporter contains the legal developments in the desegregation of transportation. Probably, the Atlanta University Library subscribes to this publication.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI:mm

Enclosure

February 7, 1957

Mr. Herbert Shellans
213 West Franklin Street
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Shellans:

We have no information on Jewish Negroes. I understand that Negroes are members of some Jewish congregations in New York. Perhaps you can get the information you desire from the Synagogue Council of America, 110 West 42nd St., New York 36, New York.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI:mm

February 7, 1957

Mr. Henry L. Moon
Director, Public Relations
NAACP
20 West 40th Street
New York 18, New York

Dear Mr. Moon:

Thank you for sending us the social scientists' statement on segregation. We have found it quite useful.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI:mm

February 7, 1957

North Carolina Commission on
Legislative Representation
State Capitol
Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Sirs:

Please send us a copy of your recent report on representation and reapportionment in North Carolina.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI:mm

February 7, 1957

Mr. Donald B. Cooper
River Road Dorms #1009
Ohio State University
Columbus 10, Ohio

Dear Mr. Cooper:

I am enclosing our publications list. We will be glad to fill your order for any of these.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI:mm

February 7, 1957

Mr. Hans R. Nagpaul
Union Settlement
237-E, 104th Street
New York 29, New York

Dear Mr. Nagpaul:

The September 1956 issue of Fortune Magazine carried an article entitled "The Negro's New Economic Life." I am sorry that we do not have an extra copy, but Fortune Magazine is available in the university and public libraries.

Under separate cover, we have sent you the following publications:

The Annals, March, 1956
The Negro Potential
What's Happening in School Integration
Integration North and South
"Attitudes Toward Desegregation."

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI:mm

February 7, 1957

Mr. Joseph P. Lyford
The Fund for the Republic
Sixty East Forty-Second Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Joe:

We have reviewed the round-up of incidents of economic pressure and reprisals. Since that was prepared for background purposes rather than with publication in view, it seems to me best to do another summary for you. Much of the same information would be in it, but it is hardly worth while to try to alter language, names, places, etc., in the report as it stands.

I have asked John Constable and Florence Irving, our information staff, to work this up as soon as they can. I hope this delay does not foul you up on your planning, but I really think that this way we will give you something better to work from.

Incidentally I had a good conversation with Lee Nichols by telephone last night. He is hoping to see us when we are in Washington. Maybe we can work something out.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

P. S. Thanks for the clip from the Jerusalem Post. This is really mileage!

February 7, 1957

Mr. Oscar Cohen
Program Director
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
515 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Oscar:

I, too, was glad we could get together, however unsatisfactorily, at the Atlanta University conference. As Art may have written you, the second day was a tremendous improvement, and several very promising plans were developed. You will be getting a summary of the results shortly.

Art and I spent several hours together yesterday discussing the common plans we developed when you were in Atlanta earlier. Since Art is summarizing our conversation for you, I won't try to duplicate, except to say that I will look forward to hearing from you on the items that we have in the works.

I am glad to know that the Washington booklet is about ready. This, I think, should be a useful piece of material for people in the South who are constantly confronted with the pro-segregation propaganda about Washington schools. Please let me know when the pamphlet is coming out and what you could do for us by way of price.

In the course of the Atlanta University meeting, Ben Segal -- who as you know is the Fund for the Republic Trade Union Consultant, located in Washington -- expressed an interest in seeing a conference on civil liberties questions staged somewhere in the South. Ben said that he would be prepared to turn up financial resources for such a conference if the preparation, ~~exploration~~ sponsorship, and other details could be worked out. This ties in with one of the ideas we discussed. John Griffin is still exploring, but I don't know what his chances of success are. Art and I agreed that we are both so busy right now that we can do little more than nudge Griffin and anybody else who shows any possibilities.

With best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

February 7, 1957

Mr. A. W. Dent
Dillard University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Dent:

As you will see from the enclosed, Mr. Stern caused the Family Fund to respond fairly promptly to George Mitchell's request for a grant of $300. (That was the amount given.)

Do you think this estops further assistance from Mr. Stern during 1957? I will, in any case, want to follow through on your suggestion that I seek an appointment with Mr. Stern at some early date; I will write you in advance about that. But your advice on where this contribution leaves us with him will be very helpful.

With best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encl.

February 7, 1957

Mr. Leo M. Coogan
Secretary
Edgar Stern Family Fund
2110 American Bank Building
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Coogan:

We are deeply grateful to the Edgar Stern Family Fund for its contribution to the work of the Southern Regional Council. Our official receipt is enclosed.

I am also writing to Mr. Edgar Stern to express our appreciation.

If at any time, in addition to our routine reports and mailings, we can assist the Fund with further information, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encl. ($300)

DELIVERED BY HAND, this date

February 7, 1957

Mr. Joseph Haas
1116 First National Bank Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Haas:

Sometime ago the Kentucky Council on Human Relations, our affiliate in that state, applied for and ~~were~~ was granted tax-exempt status by the District Director of Internal Revenue. Subsequently, the Kentucky Council received a list of questions from the office of the U. S. Commissioner of Internal Revenue in Washington (copy included in the attached materials). The state group now has until February the 15th to file its answers and they have sent us, as enclosed, a draft of what they propose to send in. In order to reduce the bulk, I am not enclosing all of the publication exhibits, which seem to present no problem.

The draft answers seem to me to be carefully thought out and wisely framed, but my judgement is strictly that of a layman. You would greatly oblige us if you could find time in your busy schedule to glance through the attached draft and advise us of anything which seems to you questionable or inadequate, so that we may in turn advise the Kentucky Council. The only question which seems to bear significantly on the status of the Southern Regional Council itself is #5, which asks if the aid received by the Kentucky Council from us during 1955 was a contribution. As you will see this is answered in the affirmative.

Since I have succeeded Dr. Mitchell as Director, I should like to say a personal word of appreciation to you for your willingness to assist the Council with your time and professional skill. It is embarrassing to me that we have not met, but I hope to remedy that soon. Meanwhile, my appreciation and kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encls.

February 7, 1957

Mr. Edgar B. Stern
Edgar Stern Family Fund
2110 American Bank Building
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Stern:

This is to express our gratitude to you and to the Edgar Stern Family Fund for the contribution to the work of the Southern Regional Council. I have sent a letter of acknowledgement and our official receipt to Mr. Leo M. Coogan.

Dr. Mitchell has recently fulfilled a long-standing wish to retire for a period in Scotland. Notwithstanding his loss, the staff and Board feel that the Council is in position to make an important contribution to the South in the difficult transition that is taking place. Your own friendship and support mean a great deal to us as we continue -- and expand -- the Council's efforts to meet the many demands for an organization of this kind today.

I hope that in the not-too-distant future I may have an opportunity to see you and to discuss with you personally the Council's important work. Meanwhile, my appreciation and kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encl. "The South of Promise"

bc: Mr. A. W. Dent

February 7, 1957

Mr. Bobby G. Underwood
1409 Crocus Lane
Knoxville 19, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Underwood:

I am enclosing a copy of the act banning mixed athletic events in Louisiana and an article citing the ruling of the Georgia State Board of Regents on games played by Georgia state colleges.

Legislation prohibiting mixed athletic events and dances was proposed in the 1956 Georgia Legislature, but was not enacted. It is being considered in the 1957 Legislature, but has not yet passed.

The article, "Democracy on the Diamond," in the enclosed New South will probably interest you.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI:mm

Enclosures

Act 579 (HB 1412) of the 1956 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, signed by the Governor on July 16, 1956, prohibits interracial participation in athletic events or social functions and requires separate seating of white and Negro spectators at such events. That bill follows:

AN ACT

To prohibit all interracial dancing, social functions, entertainments, athletic training, games, sports or contests and other such activities, to provide for separate seating and other facilities for whites and negroes; to provide penalties for the violation of this Act, to provide a date on which this Act shall become effective, and to repeal all laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. That all persons, firms and corporations are prohibited from sponsoring, arranging, participating in, or permitting on premises under their control any dancing, social functions, entertainments, athletic training, games, sports or contests and other such activities involving personal and social contacts, in which the participants or contestants are members of the white and negro races.

Section 2. That at any entertainment or athletic contest, where the public is invited or may attend, the sponsors or those in control of the premises shall provide separate seating arrangements, and separate sanitary, drinking water and any other facilities for members of the white and negro races, and to mark such separate accommodations and facilities with signs printed in bold letters.

Section 3. That white persons are prohibited from sitting in or using any part of seating arrangements and sanitary or other facilities set apart for members of the negro race; and members of the negro race are prohibited from sitting in or using any part of seating arrangements and sanitary or other facilities set apart for white persons.

Section 4. Any person, firm or corporation violating the provisions of this Act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be fined not less than $100.00 or more than $1,000.00 and imprisoned for not less than 60 days or more than 1 year.

Section 5. This Act is passed in the exercise of the State Police Power to regulate public health, morals and to maintain peace and good order in the State and shall be so construed. This Act shall not become effective until the fifteenth (15th) day of October, 1956. None of the provisions of this bill shall be construed to apply to religious gatherings, services or functions.

Section 6. That any laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

February 7, 1957

Mr. Brenton R. Rohe
213 East University Street
Wooster, Ohio

Dear Mr. Rohe:

The Council is presently preparing a report on Negro registration in the South, but it is not yet available. I am enclosing a preliminary release from this report. Copies of earlier studies by the Council and the July 7, 1956, issue of The Nation are enclosed.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI:mm

Enclosures

February 7, 1957

Mrs. Ethel M. Lowe
James Porter Barrett School for Girls
Peaks, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Lowe:

The theme for Negro History Week is "Negro History and the Development of Racial Understanding." It is sponsored by the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, 1538 Ninth Street, N.W., Washington, D. C.

Perhaps the National Health Council, 1790 Broadway, New York 19, New York, can provide materials on National Health Week.

I am sending you some of our materials under separate cover.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI:mm

February 7, 1957

Mr. Gary L. Myers
2418 McKinley Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Myers:

Mr. James Dabbs asked that we send you some information on the costs of segregation. I am sending you a copy of The Negro Potential which contains references to this.

I think that a book by Elmo Roper, The High Cost of Discrimination, would be very helpful. Perhaps, the public library might have a copy of this.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI:mm

Enclosure

Southern Re

ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENU

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

February 7, 1957

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

MEMORANDUM

TO: SRC BOARD MEMBERS

FROM: Harold C. Fleming

Here is a copy of a newly prepared summary report on the Council's work. We think it has general promotional value, but its main purpose, quite frankly, is to support the activities of board and staff members in securing immediate contributions to the Council.

At the January 29-30 meeting of the Executive Committee, SRC's pressing financial needs were discussed. As you know, this is our third and last year of aid to our state-organization effort by the Fund for the Republic. In this last period, the allocation of Fund money for the operations of the central organization is drastically reduced. So at the very time when we are seeking to expand our efforts to meet the growing demands in the South, we have to raise more money than ever before.

As your new director, I am glad to be able to report that in terms of staff, reputation, program, and long-range financial projects, the Council has never been in a more promising position. But if we are to realize our potentialities, board and staff members alike must make a dedicated effort to increase our current income from contributions, large and small. Please let us know how we of the staff can assist you in such fund-raising efforts as you are in position to make.

If you can use more copies of the enclosed report, we will be happy to supply them promptly.

HCF/eab
Encl.

February 8, 1957

February 8, 1957

Mr. Albert Vorspan
Commission on Social Action
Union of American Hebrew Congregations
838 Fifth Avenue
New York 21, New York

Dear Mr. Vorspan:

Thank you for sending us the names of Rabbis Baumgard and Gerber as likely participants in meetings of Southern staff members of the CCD agencies.

An initial meeting has already taken place, but the group expressed the wish to be reconvened in the late spring or early summer. At that time we shall certainly assure invitations to persons you suggest.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
AIR MAIL

February 8, 1957

Mr. Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Clement:

Your letter of February 6th contains very heartening information. We shall follow through with Mr. Weaver promptly, taking care the while not to prejudice the formal request we will shortly be making to the AFL-CIO.

Your faithfulness in calling attention to the work of the Council to the ~~many~~ valuable associations you have over the country is, I think, one of the greatest assets of the Council. I hope we can spread the precedent to more members of our Executive Committee and Board.

Enclosed is a copy of my reply to Mr. Wright's letter of February 1st.

With appreciation and best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
cc: Mr. Wright

February 8, 1957

Mr. Edward Gamarekian
4440 Chef Menteur Highway
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Ed:

I was delighted to see your article in The Reporter. It came out very well I thought, and I hope that it is the beginning of a series of publications.

I am enclosing a copy of several clippings which report the disfranchising efforts of last fall.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encls.
AIR MAIL

February 8, 1957

Mrs. Alice Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

In connection with the recent news clipping concerning John Bell Williams, enclosed is a copy of a news release by the Anti-Defamation League which is for release on Monday, February 11th. We think this is quite good and you are free to mimeograph copies for distribution in South Carolina if you wish.

We still have not heard anything from Mr. Van Arkel concerning this matter, but I expect we will hear something very soon.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:fc
Encl.

February 8, 1957

Mr. Jim McCain
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Jim:

Enclosed is a copy of a release by the Anti-Defamation League concerning the Washington schools. I have sent a copy to Mrs. Spearman to be used as she sees fit. Perhaps this might be useful in combating the speech by John Bell Williams. I do hope so, anyway.

Sincerely,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:fc
Encl.

February 8, 1957

Miss Rebecca Reid
29 East Calhoun Street
Sumter, South Carolina

Dear Miss Reid:

In connection with your recent correspondence concerning the speech by John Bell Williams, enclosed is a copy of a news release for Monday, February 11th, by the Anti-Defamation League. I have sent copies of this release to both Mrs. Spearman and Mr. McCain, and they have permission to use it in any way it will be helpful. As yet we have not heard from Mr. Van Arkel concerning the matter.

I do hope some of this will bear fruit.

Sincerely,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:fc
Encl.

February 8, 1957

Mr. Joseph Lyford
Sixty East Forty-Second Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Joe:

John Constable and Florence Irving of our staff have pulled the attached material together at top speed. As you will see it consists of a number of instances of economic and other pressures, all of them on the public record as indicated. They are mostly in quite summary form, but if you want additional details let me know which ones and we will send them to you.

I hope this gives you at least the basic facts that you need for your article. Such a treatment as you have in mind could be useful.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encls.

February 8, 1957

cc: Mr. John Griffin

Mr. B. R. Brazeal
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Brazeal:

I have received today copies of your vouchers submitted in connection with the voting study. John requests that we pay one-half of the total amount now, the remainder to be deferred until the total project costs have been settled.

In accordance with this request our check for $327.88 is enclosed.

We are grateful for the very able job of fact-finding and reporting which you carried out for us.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encl.

February 8, 1957

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Commission on Social Action
Union of American Hebrew Congregations
838 Fifth Avenue
New York 21, New York

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With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
AIR MAIL

February 8, 1957

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Marion:

This is in reply to the several suggestions made in your letter of February 1st.

(1) I agree that it might be useful to indicate a time limit for each item on future agendas -- assuming that it was understood by all members of the Committee that time might be reshuffled if strict adherence would cut off a very fruitful line of discussion that had developed. I think the time limit is particularly applicable to reports and presentations by staff members or others. It was in this connection, I believe, that our anticipated time allocations were violated at the last meeting.

(2) It is very much in line with the staff's thinking to set aside an early item of business for suggested new activities to be discussed by members of the Executive Committee. I am sure you will agree that both at Williamsburg and at the last Executive Committee meeting we were so pressed by fundamental considerations involving the whole structure and future of the organization that it was hardly possible to allocate sufficient time for this purpose. Let us hope that we may get our economic crises sufficiently under control to devote a proper amount of attention to the substantive work of the organization.

(3) I have discussed this point with Mrs. Tilly, and she has assured me that neither she nor the Council was in any way involved in any legislative activities. No legislative material was mimeographed in the office, nor did she make any representations with respect to proposed legislation. Evidently there was some failure of communication regarding the item in her report which aroused concern. In any case, Mrs. Tilly understands fully the stringent restrictions upon us, and I am sure we may rely upon her to be watchful of them.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
cc: Mr. Clement

February 8, 1957

Mr. Emory O. Jackson
312 Seventeenth Street, N.
Birmingham 3, Alabama

Dear Mr. Jackson:

Thank you for your letter and the enclosed material concerning National Negro Newspaper Week.

The Negro press has made a tremendous contribution to American life and we would certainly like to do what we can to further the observance of the 130th anniversary. I have passed the material on to Mr. John Constable, our Director of Information, with the suggestion that the next issue of New South give some notice of the observance.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

cc: Mr. Dowdal H. Davis

February 8, 1957

Via Air Mail - Special Delivery

Mr. Cornelius C. Tarplee
National Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church
Church Mission House
281 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Tarplee:

We resort to the mails after trying to reach you by phone in Lynchburg, New York, and Chicago!

A situation has arisen in Charlottesville, from the recent federal court decision on integration, which would seem to call for the first of our joint agency meetings, as discussed at Atlanta University, January 23-24. We have been in touch with Mrs. Boyle and others of Charlottesville who inform us that a meeting of agency representatives - and their actions - might be of considerable help.

Thus, we are anxious to speak with you as soon as possible. In this regard, could you call us here on receipt of this letter?

Best regards,

Paul Anthony

PA:mm

February 8, 1957

AIR MAIL

Miss Katharine Taylor
41 Hawthorne Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Katharine:

It was good to talk with you again this morning, virtually on the eve of the trustees meeting.

Enclosed is a copy of the thumbnail sketches of the consultants, four copies of which are going forward Air Mail to Vernon Eagle. Also a copy of our letter submitting the revised request.

One note about the consultants, which I am also pointing out to Mr. Eagle: this is the list of consultants that we have been using for work with our state affiliates and with comparable private groups in the South. We expect to be broadening the range to include some of the ablest practitioners as we undertake to service such needs as that indicated by the Bryson City Board of Education.

Warmest regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encls.

February 8, 1957

AIR MAIL

Mr. Vernon A. Eagle
Executive Director
New World Foundation
120 South LaSalle Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Mr. Eagle:

Katherine Taylor has suggested that I send to you posthaste the enclosed thumbnail sketches of our consultants. These are merely brief identifications which we have used for internal purposes. We can supply you with much more detailed background on each of them if that would be useful.

As you know, these are the consultants we have been using to assist our state affiliates and a few other human relations groups in the South. From now on we will probably be broadening the range of consultants somewhat to meet such needs as that indicated by the Bryson City Board of Education. Thus the consultants will include some of the best practitioners -- school officials and others -- as well as social scientists.

I hope this reaches you in time to be of use in your meeting next week.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encls - 4 c. "SRC's Consultant Panel"

February 8, 1957

Mr. Samuel Lubell
845 West End Avenue
New York 25, New York

Dear Sam:

Morris Abram has showed me your confidential letter outlining a possible opinion survey in the South. I think it is very much to the point and hope I will be hearing more about it.

Meanwhile, I gathered from Morris that you are almost on the eve of your lectures at Howard, and I am aware that our progress with the voting report hasn't been rapid enough to serve your purposes. Therefore I am enclosing a thermo-fax copy of a draft that Margaret Price has been doing for us, undertaking to summarize the various state reports. As you will see, it is very rough and I don't even know at this point what final form some of it will take. But I thought it might help you to flip through it. When it has served your purposes, please mail it back to me.

All best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encl.

February 8, 1957

AIR MAIL

Mr. David Freeman
The Fund for the Republic
Sixty East Forty-Second Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Dave:

The action reported to us by John Alexander of the AFSC has an encouraging significance, and I thought you might like to see it. This marks the first official request for our consultant services from a Southern board of education, as we seek to broaden this service beyond our state affiliates. We have also had some informal indication that a similar request from the Charlottesville, Virginia Board is at least a possibility. Of course there's many a slip, etc, but we have a feeling that we are on the verge of a new and significant period in this phase of our work.

Also enclosed is a copy of a recent summary report of the Council's work, which we are using for promotion and information purposes.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encl.

Bc: Frank Loescher
enclosing 4 cc "South of Promise"

February 8, 1957

AIR MAIL

Mr. Galen A. Martin
208 West Main Street
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Galen:

I am sorry about the delay in responding to your draft of the tax-exemption document. Fred got submerged and in the confusion your manuscript got sidetracked. I have read it and thought it excellently done. It is now in the hands of our legal counsel. As soon as I get his reaction I will notify you at once.

I understand from Fred that your deadline is a week from today.

We appreciate the advice you gave John Hope as to a superintendent who might do a good job as consultant to a comparable city. We have a real opportunity and want to deliver on it.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

February 8, 1957

AIR MAIL

The Honorable Brooks Hays
Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hays:

Since Dr. Mitchell has left duty status, in preparation for his trip to Scotland, I am replying to your recent inquiry about use of the Williamsburg conference report.

There would be no objection whatever to your using the conclusions of that conference in the generalised way which you propose. We shall all be looking forward to seeing a copy of your forthcoming book.

Having been with the Council for almost ten years now, I know of the long friendship that you and George Mitchell have had. I hope that in the period to come we may continue to rely on your quiet friendship and advice.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

February 11, 1957

Mr. Vernon A. Eagle
Executive Director
New World Foundation
120 South LaSalle Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Mr. Eagle:

I greatly appreciated your note of February 7th. It was thoughtful of you to give us this helpful background.

February 11, 1957

Mr. P. D. East
Post Office Box 349
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Dear P. D.:

I thought the simplest way for me to handle the enclosed would be to forward Mr. Rauh's letter and enclosures directly to you, although I recognize the appalling possibilities of this letterhead. Feel free to dispose of it once you have seen what Mr. Rauh would like done. As I count the names on his list, he has four or five fewer than 100 names. I suggest you handle any spares as you see fit.

Enclosed is our check for $300 to cover the remittance.

Best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encl.

February 11, 1957

Mr. Joseph L. Rauh, Jr.
National Chairman
Americans for Democratic Action
1341 Connecticut Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rauh:

This is to acknowledge your letter of February 7th enclosing a check for $300 to cover one hundred subscriptions to the Petal Paper, and a list of your Board members as suggested subscribers.

I have passed along your instructions and our check for $300 to P. D. East, the Editor of the Petal Paper. I am sure he will be grateful for this evidence of interest in the remarkable job he is doing in his paper. We are glad to assist in getting it to him.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

Same ltr to: Professor Simone d'Ardenne
University of Alabama
Tuscaloosa, Ala

February 11, 1957

Professor Cecil Hadgraft
Louisiana State University
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear Professor Hadgraft:

The enclosed is being sent you at the suggestion of Miss Georgene B. Lovecky of the John Hay Whitney Foundation.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

Encl.

February 11, 1957

Miss Georgene B. Lovecky
John Hay Whitney Foundation
630 Fifth Avenue
New York 20, New York

Dear Miss Lovecky:

Dr. Mitchell has already left his desk at the Council in order to prepare for his trip Northward and thence to Scotland.

We do have extra copies of the special report on the South and the Supreme Court decision, and I am sending a copy to each of the Whitney-Fulbright Visiting Scholars whom you name.

Please accept our warm thanks for your check, which I take to be a contribution to the work of the Council.

I hope it will be possible for me to see you upon some early trip to New York.

Meanwhile, kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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Encl. - SRC Official receipt $10.00

White copy:

February 11, 1957

(Dictated February 8th)

Dear Mr. Thompson:

Enclosed are copies of Negro registration figures for most of the counties in each Southern state. Tennessee and Arkansas are not included. We were unable to secure figures for Tennessee, but the Arkansas figures will be sent to you as soon as they can be typed, probably Monday.

Also shown is the number of potential Negro voters* -- that is persons over twenty-one -- except for Georgia and Kentucky where the voting age is eighteen.

You will notice that in some cases the number of registrants exceeds the number of eligibles. This is explained by poorly maintained and unchecked voting lists. We will try to furnish you with more information drawn from our survey findings as soon as we can manage it.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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*according to 1950 Census

Howard Univ.
Journal of Negro Education
Wash. D.C.

February 11, 1957

The Christian Science Monitor
One Norway Street
Boston 15, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

Please send us a copy of the January,19th issue of the Christian Science Monitor. Enclosed is 10¢ in stamps to cover cost.

Sincerely,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:fc
Encl.

February 11, 1957

Mr. Courtney Siceloff
Penn Community Services, Inc.
Frogmore Post Office
St. Helena Island, S. C.

Dear Courtney:

I am enclosing 25 copies of each of the letters you wished duplicated. Charges are 5¢ per copy ($2.50) to cover cost of paper.

I received your second letter this morning, and Mrs. Alexander will take care of this matter.

There is a possibility that I shall be visiting Lucretia and her family in June. I look forward to seeing the Siceloffs at the same time.

Sincerely,

Florence Irving,
Research Assistant

FI:fc
Encl.

February 11, 1957

Miss Betsy Freiheit
Conference Secretary
Antioch College
Yellow Springs, Ohio

Dear Miss Freiheit:

This is to acknowledge your letter of February 9th inviting Mr. George Mitchell to speak to your meeting of May 3-5, 1957.

Mr. Mitchell has recently retired from his position with the Southern Regional Council and will be out of the country on those days. I am sure he would be appreciative of your invitation and of the kind sentiments which you express in your covering note.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

February 11, 1957

Mr. Murray Friedman
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
403 East Franklin Street
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Mr. Friedman:

We are interested in having a copy of your fact sheet on The Virginian. It is one of the hate publications about which we know little - very obviously a mistake. Unless the fact sheet covers the matter can you also indicate what influence and circulation the paper seems to have outside the state?

Regards,

Paul Anthony

PA:mm

February 11, 1957

Mr. T. H. Todd
2406 Warwick Avenue
Newport News, Va.

Dear Mr. Todd:

In answer to your post card, we are sending you a pamphlet concerning the Southern Regional Council, and some information concerning some of our recent publications.

Please let us know if we can be of additional help to you.

Sincerely,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:fc
Encl.

February 11, 1957

Mr. F. Woods Beckman
5908 Magazine Road
Knoxville 20, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Beckman:

In reference to your letter of February 12, 1957, we do have reprints available of "The Angry South". We could probably let you have up to 50 copies of this article. We do not have reprints of "Southern Thunder" or "The Gentle People of Prejudice". We do not know whether these are available in reprint form or not. I suggest you write to the publications in which they originally appeared. They should know if anyone had reprinted the articles or were contemplating doing so.

Let me know if you wish copies of "The Angry South".

Sincerely,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:fc

February 11, 1957

Mr. Paul Simmons
Associated Press
10 Forsyth Street Bldg.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Paul:

Enclosed is a copy of material that we have just compiled on Koinonia Farms. As you probably know, Koinonia has been in the news in the past and will probably be in for some more publicity. I thought that this might be useful to you in any news releases you might be doing on the Sumter County situation.

I have been meaning to call you and Irene for some time, but things have been popping here lately. Do give Irene my best regards.

Sincerely,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:fc
Encl.

February 11, 1957

Instructor
Problems of American Democracy
Warwick Union High School
Lititz, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

To date, we have received requests from Misses Seachrist, Heck, Zug, Graff, and Kepner for information on race relations in the South. I am enclosing brochures on two publications which would probably be helpful. Perhaps the class might decide if it wished to purchase copies of these; if so, we would be glad to fill the order.

Under separate cover I have sent several publications directly to you which could probably be shared with all members of the class. There are no charges for these items. They are:

Quantity	Title
4	What's Happening In School Integration
4	The Louisville Story
2	Desegregation in the Baltimore City Schools
2	The Southern Regional Council
2	"Attitudes Toward Desegregation"
2	"The Angry South"
1	The Annals, March, 1956.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving,
Research Assistant

FBI:fc

February 11, 1957

Mr. Gordon B. Hancock
Post Office Box 6056
Richmond 22, Virginia

Dear Mr. Hancock:

I can't tell you how much I appreciate your all too kind letter of February 6th.

I only hope that, as Director of the Council, I can in some small measure further the ideals to which you, Dr. Odum, and the others gave such statesmanlike aspiration at the beginning of the organization.

I am distressed at the thought of your resignation as vice-president, although I can readily understand your reasons for feeling that you can no longer continue to serve. It was an act of real thoughtfulness on your part to explain these circumstance to us in advance and assure us of your continued devotion to the work and future of the Council. I know we will have many occasions to seek your wise counsel. It is a matter of great regret to me, as to others, that we missed seeing you at Williamsburg. I hope that I will have an opportunity to see and talk with you again in the not-too-distant future.

Meanwhile, my deep appreciation and highest regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

February 11, 1957

(Dictated February 8)

Mr. Paul M. Rilling
Project Director
The Southern Area Council
Young Men's Christian Association
706 Standard Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Paul:

Thank you for your letter describing the ways in which the YMCA is prepared to cooperate in coordinating efforts. This very clear explanation helps us greatly.

The prospect for a joint staff meeting in Charlottesville looks promising, and in your absence we have today been in touch with Al Payne, and I am sure we will be working very closely together as time goes on.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

February 11, 1957

Mr. Oscar Cohen
Anti-Defamation League
  of B'nai B'rith
515 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Oscar:

Thanks for sending me the copy of your excellent release on the forthcoming Washington pamphlet. We have forwarded copies to our South Carolina people who will undertake to get the story carried in the papers there.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Dictated February 8th

February 11, 1957

(Dictated February 8th)

Mrs. Alice Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

Many thanks for your letter of February 4th with its helpful suggestions. The idea of a fund in honor of George Mitchell has been floating around, and your comments are a valuable addition to this thinking. I hope we can develop something along these lines.

Another meeting of the state staff members here in Atlanta is very definitely in prospect. We will be communicating with you and the other state officers about it as soon as we can work out details. Fortunately, we have reserved funds which should be sufficient to meet the expenses involved. We agree with you completely that such a meeting at this time is of great importance to the continuance and increased effectiveness of this movement in the South.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

February 11, 1957

(Dictated February 8th)

Mr. Don J. Hager
Director
Commission on Community Interrelations
American Jewish Congress
Fifteen East Eighty-Fourth Street
New York 28, New York

Dear Don:

The price of New South is 20¢ per individual issue and 15¢ each in quantities of fifty copies.

The Fund for the Republic is distributing copies of the Scientific American article. You might check with Ed Reed there to see if they still have some on hand.

Enclosed is a chronology of segregation developments that you might find useful for reference purposes.

I was glad to get a reprint of your article on intercultural education. I am looking forward to reading it.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encls.

February 11, 1957

Mr. Harold J. Weekley
United Fund of Greenville County
112 W. McBee Avenue
Greenville, South Carolina

Dear Harold:

Thanks for returning the material prepared by George Mitchell's daughter. I have forwarded it to him.

The best of wishes to you as you take up your new duties in Chattanooga.

Jane joins me in best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

February 11, 1957

Mr. Milton C. Vigo
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

I have your letter of January 24th enclosing an outline for a research project. The project seems to have been carefully thought through, but all we can do at this time is receive such proposals from the state groups as a matter of information and hold them for special consideration at a later time.

While the action of the Board in November set forth the objective of grants-in-aid for the fiscal year starting October 1, 1957, as yet the details of this aid program and the financial resources with which to carry it out have not been developed.

You can be sure that we will keep you, as well as the other state directors and chairmen, advised of the outlook for this grant-in-aid program.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

February 11, 1957

Mr. Emanuel Muravchik
National Field Director
Jewish Labor Committee
Twenty-Five East Seventy-Eighth Street
New York 21, New York

Dear Manny:

Just a reminder that I am still holding your letter of January 11th which enclosed a check for $30 and a list of fifteen persons to receive the Petal Paper. You may remember that we discussed this at Atlanta University and agreed that I would defer action pending receipt of a further check for $15 to cover the $3.00 subscription fee for each of the persons listed.

An alternative would be to cut down the list of subscribers to ten.

I look forward to hearing from you further on this.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

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ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENU

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

ebruary 12, 1957

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

MEMORANDUM

TO: SRC Board Members and State Affiliates

FROM: Harold C. Fleming, Executive Director

Re: SRC Staff Changes

At the Executive Committee meeting of January 29-30, certain changes in staff positions and titles were made. Attached is the chart of organization which was approved. Following is a list of the staff members and the positions they now hold:

Executive Director - Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director - Frederick B. Routh
Associate for Program Development - C. H. Parrish
Chief Consultant - John Hope II
Secretary-Treasurer - Mrs. Ruth House Alexander
Director of Information - John Constable
Director of Women's Work - Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Administrative Assistant - Paul Anthony*
Labor Consultant - Emory F. Via
Research Assistant - Miss Florence B. Irving

Secretary to Director - Mrs. Elizabeth A. Brantley
Stenographer - Miss Frances Carnes
Stenographer - Miss Marge Manderson
Clerk-Receptionist - Mrs. Beverly Calhoun

*Mr. G. S. Alexander is leaving the Council on February 15th and will be succeeded in this position by Mr. Anthony on that date.

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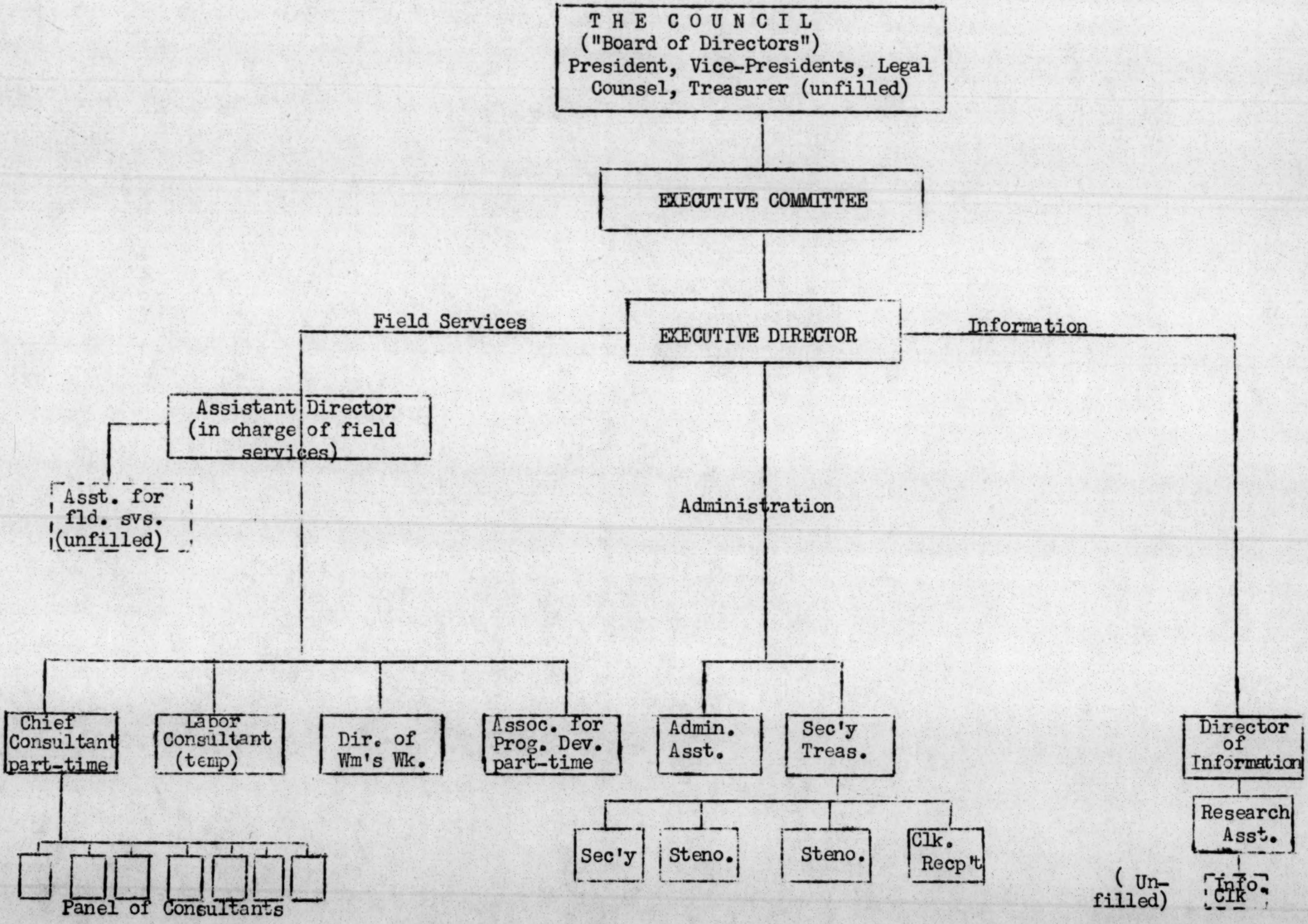
Encl.

PROPOSED ORGANIZATION CHART OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL


THE COUNCIL
("Board of Directors")
President, Vice-Presidents, Legal Counsel, Treasurer (unfilled)
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Field Services
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Information
Assistant Director (in charge of field services)
Asst. for fld. svs. (unfilled)
Administration
Chief Consultant part-time
Labor Consultant (temp)
Dir. of Wm's Wk.
Assoc. for Prog. Dev. part-time
Admin. Asst.
Sec'y Treas.
Director of Information
Research Asst.
Sec'y
Steno.
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Clk. Recp't
(Unfilled)
Info. Clk
Panel of Consultants

February 12, 1957

Mr. Patrick McCauley
Assistant to the Director
Southern Education Reporting Service
P. O. Box 6156, Acklen Station
Nashville 5, Tennessee

Dear Mr. McCauley:

Last week we mailed you the field reports from our study of Negro registration in Alabama. I hope that you will be able to use and return these to us by February 19th.

Some of the reports contained the names of the interviewers or other persons. Please do not refer to these names in your use of the data or quote any descriptions that would identify any individual.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI:mm

February 12, 1957

Miss Ira Jarrell, Superintendent
Atlanta Public Schools
68 Mitchell Street, S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Miss Jarrell:

Please send us copies of the 1954-55 and 1955-56 reports of the Atlanta Board of Education.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI:mm

February 12, 1957

Reverend Eugene P. McManus, S.S.J.
1911 Law Street
New Orleans 19, Louisiana

Dear Father:

Our congratulations to you on your election as Chairman of the New Orleans Chapter of the Louisiana Council on Human Relations, and our thanks for accepting this responsibility.

Fred Routh has made a full report of his visit to New Orleans, February 7th and 8th. His report included the following:

(A) The Louisiana Council's Executive Committee has not had a quorum at a meeting since October, 1955.

(B) The treasury of the Louisiana Council is seriously depleted.

(C) Mrs. Elsie Whitman Rowland has resigned her post effective February 8th.

(D) You have agreed to become Chairman of a new to-be-created State Administrative Committee for the Louisiana Council which will supplant the State Board of Directors.

On the basis of Mr. Routh's report, the senior professional staff members of the Southern Regional Council have reluctantly decided, in accordance with the responsibility granted them by SRC's Executive Committee, to place the Louisiana Council on Human Relations on Provisional Status. Such status will continue at least until May 1, 1957. If the Louisiana Council is to continue to receive financial assistance from the Southern Regional Council, the following conditions must be met during the period of provisional status:

(1) The creation of a functioning State Administrative Committee which will assume the responsibility of acting as the lay policy-making body of the Louisiana Council, giving guidance and direction to the professional staff and raising funds for the organization.

(2) The planning and holding of a workshop session of this State Administrative Committee with SRC's Consultant Service Program under the direction of Mr. John Hope II.

(3) Evidence of promising developments in program with special focus on the New Orleans area.

(4) The raising of not less than $1,500.00

(5) That this procedure be approved by the members of the Board of Directors of the Louisiana Council by mail ballot not later than March 1st, and that this office be notified of the results of the balloting immediately thereafter.

Dr. C. H. Parrish and Fred Routh will make a trip to Louisiana toward the latter part of April to assess the progress of the Louisiana Council toward the goals outlined above.

We are anxious for the Louisiana Council's continued growth and development. In this endeavor we offer you our whole-hearted support and assistance. But the effectiveness, indeed the life, of any state organization is dependent upon the commitment of local people; commitment of their time, their thoughtful planning, and their resources.

You have our earnest good wishes in this attempt to make an effective, on-going organization of the Louisiana Council.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

cc:
Mrs. Elsie Whitman Rowland
Mr. Numa Rousseve
Mr. Albert W. Dent
Miss Florence Sytz
Mr. John McCann
Mr. Milton C. Vigo

February 12, 1957

Mr. Kenneth W. Robinson
Director, Region 1-D, UAW
215 Sheldon Avenue, S.E.
Grand Rapids 3, Michigan

Dear Ken;

Thank you very much for the kind words about my participation at the FDR~~CF~~ camp last summer and the invitation to come again this coming summer. CIO

Thursday, June 20th, sounds fine to me and we would hope for financial arrangements similar to last year.

These are trying times in the South and we are kept busy beating off the pro-segregationists. We have added to our staff a labor consultant. He is Emory Via, native Virginian of liberal persuasion and long experienced in the field of labor education. As you know, UAW, Steel Workers, Rubber Workers, ILGWU, and other unions donate to the program of the Southern Regional Council and we have been anxious to broaden our services to the organized labor movement in the South. We believe the addition of a labor consultant is a real step in that direction.

I am enclosing for your information a coupld of pieces of literature which I believe you will find of interest.

I regretted that you were in the hospital when I was in Michigan last summer and am glad to see you back on the active list.

Warm personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm
enclosures

Enclosures to Kenneth Robinson, 2-12-57:

The South of Promise
The South and the Supreme Court's School Decisions
New South, February Issue
Brief History of SRC

February 12, 1957

Dr. David C. Wilson, M. D.
Department of Neurology and Psychiatry
University of Virginia Hospital
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear Dr. Wilson:

Harold Fleming has turned your letter of February 6th over to me to answer because I direct the field services end of SRC.

You requested the name of a speaker who would present the problem of desegregation in an attractive manner and who would be well enough known to attract local people.

The following annotated list of potential speakers all fit those criteria:

(1) Dr. Dan W. Dodson, Center for Human Relations Studies, New York University, New York, N.Y.
Native of Texas. Former director of New York Mayor's Committee on Unity; Consultant on School Desegregation, Washington, D.C., and Baltimore, Md. Top notcher.

(2) A yet-to-be named School Superintendent, from a middle sized Kentucky town, who has experienced desegregation of his school system. (Contact me.)

(3) Mr. James M. Dabbs, Mayesville, South Carolina.
Native South Carolinian; former Professor of English; member South Carolina Council on Human Relations Executive Committee. Inspirational speaker.

(4) Mr. Marion A. Wright, "Top Knot," Linville Falls, N. C.
Native of South Carolina. Prominant Civil Rights lawyer. President of SRC. The Adlai Stevenson of the South.

(5) Miss Mary Alice Baldinger, National Civil Liberties Clearing House, 1637 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, D. C.
Played important role in D.C. desegregation.

(6) Galen A. Martin, Kentucky Council on Human Relations, 208 West Main, Frankfort, Ky.

Native of West Virginia. Young but mature; director of SRC affiliate in Kentucky. The Jack Marion of Kentucky.

Any of these people would do an excellent job for you. Please feel free to use our name in contacting any of them.

If I may be of further service, please let me know. As Patty Boyle will explain, I hope to meet you soon.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

February 12, 1957

Mr. Francis L. Hurwitz
Workshop Administrator
Boston University Human Relations Center
308 Bay State Road
Boston 15, Massachusetts

Dear Francis Hurwitz:

Thank you for your letter of February 8 and the twelve copies of the brochure on your workshop.

I have stamped each of them "For Your Information from the Southern Regional Council" and forwarded them to our state offices.

Regards to you and Ken Benne.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

Encls: Article "Secrecy Veils Mississippi's
Anti-Integration Commission"
Atlanta Journal, 2/10/57

Article Jackson, Miss. Daily News, re
Public Affairs Pamphlet "What's
Happening in School Integration?"

February 13, 1957

AIR MAIL

Mr. James Peck
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
Newsfilm Project
1213 North Highland Avenue
Los Angeles 38, California

Dear Jim:

You will be interested in this report from Mississippi, which appeared in last Sunday's Atlanta paper.

Did you ever track down that colorful statement about you that allegedly appeared in the Jackson Daily News? I just had a rave notice in the same publication, a copy of which is enclosed.

What's happened to the documentary?

Best,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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Encl.

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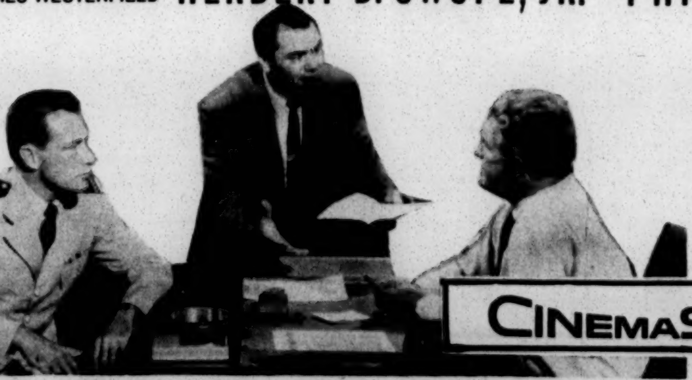

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Pertinent Facts ...

about a true story so unprecedented and revealing that it has attained a place among the great Puiltzer Prize winners

"Three Brave Men" will be vividly remembered long after most of the year's better motion pictures have been forgotten. "Three Brave Men" is off the beaten path! It was inspired by a true story.

To safeguard this free way of life the United States adheres to a vigilance to protect national security. The public knows little of the lengths to which government agencies go to safeguard the sacred rights of individuals. Inevitably, mistakes are made. "Three Brave Men" is the story of one of them, and of the steps taken to right a grievous wrong.

The screenplay, by Philip Dunne who also directed it, is based on the Pulitzer Prize-acclaimed series of articles by Anthony Lewis in the Washington, D. C., Daily News. It told the story of Abraham Chasanow, falsly accused of being a security risk and discharged by the Navy Department after years of faithful service. His name was finally cleared, thanks to his friends, neighbors and officials high in the Government.

"Three Brave Men" is not specifically the story of Chasanow, but his experience suggested it. Produced by Herbert Bayard Swope, it has a documentary quality appealing to every type of movie-goer.

It is the dramatization of a wrong committed against a solid citizen, of the sufferings and faith of his family and of good neighbors who risked public approbation to defend his name. Also, it is the story of the lengths to which his government went to re-investigate, re-appraise and finally exonerate him.

Ernest Borgnine is Bernie Goldsmith, the civilian employee unjustly discharged as a security risk. Ray Milland is the young attorney who hazards his reputation to defend a marked man. Dean Jagger is an Assistant Secretary of the Navy who has the moral courage to discover and publicly admit his mistake.

Printed in U.S.A.

February 13, 1957

AIR MAIL

Mr. Lee Nichols
1221 Simmons Drive
Rockville, Maryland

Dear Lee:

Thanks for your letter, which I have read with a great deal of satisfaction. From my point of view at least, you are right on the target.

I have sent a copy, on an informal basis, to Frank Loescher so that he can make some assessment of the chances with the Fund. I will let you know as soon as I hear from him. I should hope we would know something at least by the time of the Washington dinner Thursday week.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCR/eab

February 13, 1957

AIR MAIL

Mr. Frank S. Loescher
414 South Forty-Sixth Street
Philadelphia 43, Pennsylvania

Dear Frank:

Here are a couple of copies of a letter which Lee Nichols wrote to me outlining his ideas for a grant-in aid period.

I hope, amid all the current activity, you will get a chance to explore the possibilities. I hope to get an opportunity to talk further with Nichols when I am in Washington next week. My own feeling is that he is hitting in the target area with this letter.

You will recall that Joe Lyford is also interested in Nichols' potentialities.

Hope to see you next week. Meanwhile, all the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encls.

February 14, 1957

Dean B. R. Brazeal
Morehouse College
223 Chestnut, S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dean Brazeal:

Thank you so much for your time and participation in the meeting at Emory University with the team of Frenchmen.

These men greatly enjoyed the opportunity to meet with you and other members of the faculties of Emory and the schools in the Atlanta University Center. They felt the day was full and rewarding and we appreciate your willingness to help make their Atlanta visit a meaningful one.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

February 14, 1957

Mr. Milton C. Vigo
Executive Director
Louisiana Council on Human Relations
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

Have received your letter of February 12 and hope by this time that the Louisiana Council folks, including Father Mac, have received our letter placing the Louisiana Council on provisional status.

Regarding an approach to the Fund for the Advancement of Education and the Marshall Field Fund, I would strongly urge that you postpone any such effort until after the Louisiana Council becomes a much more stable organization. Harold concurs with me in this position.

I enjoyed my stay in New Orleans and the dinner with Barbara, Conrad, and you added greatly to the enjoyment thereof.

Best regards to them and you.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

February 14, 1957

Mr. Herbert Hill, Labor Secretary
NAACP
20 West 40th Street
New York 18, New York

Dear Herbert:

Thanks for the copy of your memorandum on the Lockheed situation and the letter in response to your proddings from Al Hayes.

I would welcome further word from you on the whole situation and on your reactions at this time to the proposal to integrate the locals.

You may wish to turn over in your mind the possibilities of my being in touch with the regional I.A.M. staff on a somewhat different approach. I have no concrete suggestion at this point due to the pressure of things here, but will keep you informed if a useful angle appears on the scene. I would in the due course of time be in touch with McGl~~a~~en in any case. Keep prodding.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

P.S. Is there information or a memorandum on work with the Oil Workers? I would appreciate receiving such material.

February 14, 1957

Rev. Nat Griswold
Executive Director, Arkansaw Council on Human Relations
211 Izard Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

In accordance with your conversation by telephone with Harold Fleming, we are sending you under separate cover some things from our files concerning other legislation. This is principally concerning North Carolina and Virginia. Hope it will be of some use.

If any ideas occur to you on which I might be able to help, please let me know.

With very best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:mm

February 14, 1957

Mr. Myles Horton
Highlander Folk School
Monteagle, Tennessee

Dear Myles:

Thank you for your letter of February 12, with its enclosures. I have given long and careful thought to the invitation to become a Board member of Highlander.

Several things have entered into that process:

(1) The good work Highlander is doing in reaching grass roots people and in providing a living demonstration of integrated democratic living.

(2) The long friendship GSM had with Highlander and you; and the friendship I personally hold for both.

(3) The good people on the Board with whom I would be working.

(4) The current needs of SRC during this period of reorganization, when we are in the process of re-examining our methods and extending our efforts. This, combined with a huge task of fund raising.

(5) The considerable time I now spend away from my desk servicing state organizations and performing consultant services to communities in the South.

(6) The other standing commitments which I have, such as Board membership on N.A.I.R.O.; and chairmanship of its Committee on Education.

(7) The fondness in which I hold Harold Fleming, both professionally and personally, and my refusal to let him carry the burden alone.

So, good friend, while my heart is with you and Highlander, I do not believe it would be wise to accept membership on the Board at this time. I will, however, be glad to continue to come to the workshops as I did last summer - one day at a time, if you think this of value to the groups. I believe in this way I can contribute most.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

February 14, 1957

Mr. John G. Feild
Executive Director
National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials
900 Cadillac Square Building
Detroit 26, Michigan

Dear John:

This letter has three purposes:

(1) I am pleased to accept the position as Chairman of NAIRO's Commission on Education. I have some ideas on the annual report which I would like to discuss with you in the not too distant future after things have calmed down here. I note in your letter you say I will be invited to participate in the Board meeting in May. Does this mean NAIRO is going to pay my expenses? You see, I am already a regular member of the Board, having been elected in 1955 for a three year period. I was somehow or other, though, left off the stationery list of the Board. Dick Marks is in the process of correcting this error.

(2) I cannot accept the position as Executive Secretary of NAIRO and coordinator of its Apprentice Training Program. George Shermer of Philadelphia called me and said I headed the list of the "ten most wanted men." As I explained to you regarding the possibility of the Detroit job, I cannot consider in good conscience leaving the South at this time.

(3) SRC is having difficulties raising funds in the South because of the worsening situation down here. The money we received from the Fund and other foundations must be supplemented if we are to carry on. Could you possibly provide us with an entree to some liberal labor leaders, manufacturers, and financiers with whom you have come in contact through your job? People of the caliber of Mr. Kelly who have a concern for the growth of democracy and who might contribute $100.00 or more to SRC. We are tax exempt, you know.

John, sure would appreciate it if you could scare us up a few such guys.

Best regards to Marilyn and you.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:am

February 14, 1957

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

Enclosed is a draft of a letter to be reproduced and sent to our New South mailing list and other appropriate persons announcing the creation of a special fund in honor of Dr. Mitchell. This was a collaborative staff product, so that pride of authorship is non-existent. Feel free to amend or substitute at will. You will note that we had some last minute difficulty about the name of the Fund, finally settling on "George S. Mitchell Tribute Fund." We felt that it needed something in addition to the GSM in order to distinguish it from the many foundations bearing simply the name of the philanthropist. Your views on this will be welcome.

The plan would be to accompany the letter as finally approved and multi-lithed with a postage paid envelop of the long flat type, providing space for name, address, and amount of contribution.

Before sending this to the various state memberships, we propose to get clearance from each state affiliate.

In all, we propose to print 10,000 letters and accompanying envelopes. The printing cost would be $250.

I am sending a letter identical to this one to Mr. Clement, and will expect to hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

cc: Mr. John Weiss ✓

February 14, 1957

AIR MAIL

Miss Sophie Van S. Theis
Secretary
Doris Duke Foundation
41 East Fifty-Seventh Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Miss Theis:

December 31st having marked the end of the Doris Duke Foundation's assistance to our information service, we thought you should have a rather detailed report of the activities which this aid has made possible.

We are a little later than we would wish to be in sending the enclosed report, but we have been undergoing a transition within the Council that has absorbed much of the staff's time and energy. As you may know, Dr. Mitchell has recently retired as Executive Director and the Council has done me the honor of naming me to succeed him. Although we shall sorely miss Dr. Mitchell's leadership, we expect the work of the Council to continue unabated — in fact, on an expanded basis if possible. I am not sure the enclosed report fully conveys our sense of the importance of the work which the Doris Duke Foundation's grants have made possible. One measure is the fact that these functions have become an integral part of the Council's operation and there is no thought of abandoning them if we can possibly avoid it.

Please accept our deepest appreciation to you and to the Board of the Foundation for this invaluable assistance. I hope that I may have the opportunity to talk with you again on some early visit to New York.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/cab
Encls.

February 14, 1957

Mr. Rufus E. Clement
President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

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Encl.

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Dr. John Griffin
Director of Community Education Service
Emory University
Emory University, Georgia

Dear John:

Thanks so much for your aid in setting up the program for the visiting French Team. They greatly appreciated meeting the members from the various faculties, the facilities afforded, and the trip in the bus.

It was a good day for them and they were well pleased. You contributed mightily to my hasty efforts and I thank you.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

February 14, 1957

Mrs. F. P. Rossman
1896 Bonniview, S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Rossman:

Thank you so much for your willingness the other day to brief Professor Kastari from Finland on the Georgia Legislature. He enjoyed the opportunity to see a state legislative body at work and appreciated being introduced to the Senate.

It was a pleasure for me to get to meet you and I have taken the liberty of sending you a few materials on the Southern Regional Council.

Thanks again for your help and for the good work of the League.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

Enclosure: The South of Promise

February 14, 1957

Mrs. Ruby Hurley
859 Hunter Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Hurley:

A belated note to thank you personally and on behalf of the Council, for the many courtesies you extended to Dr. Paavo Kastari during his recent visit.

Next time I promise to be a better expediter!

Warmest regards,

Paul Anthony

PA:mm

February 14, 1957

The League of Women's Voters of Georgia
78 Marietta Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia
ATTN: Mrs. Shackelford

Dear Mrs. Shackelford:

May I take this opportunity, on behalf of the Council, to express our appreciation for the courtesies you extended to Dr. Paavo Kastari during his recent visit.

I ~~still~~ have not been able to get by for the information on the county unit system, though I still hope to do so.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony

PA:mm

February 14, 1957

Mr. A. T. Walden
Walden Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Walden:

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Sincerely,

Paul Anthony

PA:mm

cc: of report Mr. John Weiss

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Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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"Search of Promise"

# A REPORT TO THE DORIS DUKE FOUNDATION
from the
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

February 13, 1957

In 1954 the Southern Regional Council requested assistance from the Doris Duke Foundation to make possible an enlarged and systematic program of information services, interpretation of research findings, and permanent reference files. In November, 1954, the Foundation made a grant of $10,000 for this purpose. A second grant of $7,000 was made in January, 1956. These grants have been of invaluable aid to the Council in meeting the heavy demands upon it during this period of heightened tension and change in the South. Following is a summary account of what has been accomplished during 1956. A financial report is also attached.

Personnel

During March, 1955, a young Southern newspaperman, John Constable, was appointed to the SRC staff as editorial assistant with particular responsibility for the SRC magazine, New South. This addition to the staff made possible expansion of the hard-pressed information program and provided the time and talent necessary for the production of an effective publication. Following Harold Fleming's appointment as Executive Director of the Council, Mr. Constable was recently named Director of Information.

In September, 1955, SRC acquired the services of Miss Florence Irving as Research Assistant. Miss Irving, who taught at A & T College, Greensboro, North Carolina, for five years, was well trained for the task of reorganizing, and maintaining the considerable body of reference materials collected by SRC over a number of years. This done, she has proceeded to establish a permanent and growing research office which, constantly augmented, serves as the nerve center of the entire SRC operation. One-half of Miss Irving's salary has been paid from the Doris Duke Foundation grant. From this same source, a salary was possible for an information clerk who worked with Miss Irving until recently.

This significant increase in central office staff has made possible an expansion of the amount and quality of the information services performed.

The Research Office

For a number of years SRC has collected newspaper clippings, pamphlets, and similar materials dealing with race relations in the South. As the Council expanded and state affiliates were established, the influx of information items was considerably increased. However, the value of these materials was greatly reduced since it was not possible to keep them in an orderly fashion. Beginning in 1955, Miss Florence Irving was able to catalogue, cross-index, and file this substantial amount of material and to process reference materials as they are received. There is a current intake of approximately 500 clippings per month from ten newspapers and seven magazines received by SRC, plus clippings, reports, and similar materials sent from state offices and other interested sources. To date some 2,000 pamphlets have been filed, indexed and cross-indexed. These files and reference materials now serve as the information and memory functions for all SRC activity.

The research office compiles background material for the state affiliates as it is needed. This material -- pertaining to bus desegregation, interracial sports programs, the orderly entrance of Negro students into state universities, etc. -- provides a background for similar action in other states and communities. The various SRC consultants look to the research office for briefings on states or communities served -- their background, previous interracial activities, leaders, resistance activity -- prior to going into the area. In short, it has been possible to build an efficient information service which is in constant demand for staff and program efforts.

Mail Inquiries

At the rate of approximately 60 per month, SRC receives requests for information from students, educators, ministers, newsmen, and other community leaders interested in the Southern scene. These inquiries range from "term-paper" requests to requests for documentary evidence of the workability of integration. While still a very distinct minority, there is a growing number of Southerners -- ministers, teachers, city officials -- who know the right and moral course and who desire to act accordingly. But to do so these individuals need information. Thus SRC considers this service of arming opinion-makers with the facts as a vital part of its program.

Fact-Finding and Research

During 1956 SRC received a grant from the Fund for the Republic for a special fact-finding program. These funds made it possible to carry out special projects involving fact-finding and research talent beyond the limits of the staff. These fact-finding projects were possible because of the fundamental work which was being accomplished by the routine SRC information and research activities.

Under this grant, by way of example, SRC undertook a survey of instances of integration in the South following the Supreme Court decision of 1954. The book, Integration North and South, showing more than 1,100 instances of successful integration in the South, was the result of this study. This publication has received wide national and southern attention and has been invaluable in giving a positive tone to the Southern movement toward a desegregated society. It would have been impossible to carry out this survey in the time allotted without the background material collected and catalogued by the information staff. In the same manner studies have been made of Negro suffrage, pro-segregation organizations, Southern industrialization, and labor and race relations.

News Media Services

Interpreting the racial picture to the South and to the nation is an indispensable part of the Council's work. Only in this way can informed public opinion be brought to bear on this issue. During 1956, drawing on the background materials and the cumulative knowledge of the information staff, SRC has served Southern and national news media. In addition to Southern newspapers, they include the Saturday Evening Post, The Christian Science Monitor, the Wall Street Journal, the Associated Press, Life, U. S. News and World Report, New Statesman and Nation, Time, Look, Newsweek, Collier's, The Reporter, St. Louis Post-Dispatch, NBC Television News, Ed Murrow's "See It Now," and the Canadian Broadcasting Company.

In addition to responding to specific requests for information, SRC frequently compiles background or newsworthy information for use by the press. A recent example of this service was the Council's report of its survey showing that 21 Southern cities had quietly ended segregation on their municipal transit systems. This information received considerable space in national and Southern news media at a time when incidents of violence in Montgomery and elsewhere were dominating the headlines. SRC newsclippings and transportation reports first revealed these 21 cities.

Information Services to Related Organizations

During 1956 SRC has been called on to supply information and advice to a number of other agencies interested in race relations in the South. These include requests from the World Council of Churches, AFL-CIO, the American Jewish Congress, YMCA, YWCA, Catholic Committee of the South, American Friends Service Committee, and the Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian social action agencies.

A measure of this role is the fact that in January, 1957, 24 social action agencies, meeting in Atlanta, requested that SRC serve as a clearing house of joint field activities in the South.

Foreign Visitors Program

During 1956, at the rate of six to ten a month, the SRC was host to visitors from 21 countries. These visitors -- newsmen, government officials, students -- travel under State Department and private fellowships or exchange programs. Briefing these persons who have access to world opinion is considered an integral part of the SRC program, with vital international implications. Their inquiries could hardly be met without the facilities which, uniquely, SRC affords.

New South

A basic part of the information program is the publishing of the monthly magazine, New South. The Marshall Field Foundation made a three-year grant for the printing of the magazine beginning in 1955. These funds have been applied only on the cost of printing and distributing the publication. Funds from the Doris Duke Foundation have been used to provide content and editorial skill in the preparation of the magazine. The salary of the New South editor has been met from Doris Duke Foundation funds and the entire information and research operation, which the Doris Duke Foundation made possible, has served as the basis on which an effective and accurate magazine could be issued. This improvement is reflected somewhat in subscriptions to the magazine, which have increased by approximately 40 per cent during the last 18 months.

Summary

During 1956, with the aid of the Doris Duke Foundation grant, SRC has been able to establish a functioning information unit. This unit, compiling, cataloging, and disseminating information, is indispensable in the current effort to build a more democratic South. By its effectiveness the information unit has become not only the underpinning of all SRC activity, but has enabled us to serve other Southerners, foreign visitors, the major news media of the country, and the other social action agencies interested in the welfare of the South. For having made these actions possible, the Southern Regional Council is deeply grateful to the Doris Duke Foundation.

Financial Report - Doris Duke Foundation

Balance, January 1, 1956				$4,245.48
Additional Grant, January, 1956				7,000.00
Total available, January 1-December 31, 1956				$11,245.48
Disbursements, January 1, 1956-June 30, 1956				
Salaries:				
Managing Editor	$2,500.00			
Research Assistant (½)	1,000.00			
Clerk	1,350.00			
Total Salaries		$4,850.00		
Social Security Tax Expense		97.00		
Books and Subscriptions		231.60		
Office Supplies		75.24		
Office Equipment		208.10		
Total disbursements, June 30, 1956			$5,461.94	
Total available July 1-December 31, 1956 ($5,783.54)				
Disbursements, July 1, 1956-December 31, 1956				
Salaries:				
Managing Editor	$2,562.48			
Research Assistant (½)	1,018.74			
Clerk	1,391.84			
Total Salaries		$4,973.06		
Social Security Tax Expense		82.17		
Books and Subscriptions		103.65		
Office Supplies		98.01		
Office Equipment		23.66		
Communication		139.70		
Total disbursements, December 31, 1956			$5,420.25	$10,882.19
Balance, January 1, 1957				$ 363.29

February 14, 1957

Mr. John K. Weiss
The Fund for the Advancement of Education
655 Madison Avenue
New York 21, New York

Dear John:

The Doris Duke Foundation's grant for our information work was terminal in 1956. Enclosed is a copy of the final report which I am sending to Miss Theis.

I have never forgotten how helpful you were to us in securing this grant. I thought you ought to see what came of it.

Alex Brooks has been with us for the last two days, and we are working closely with him in developing possibilities for the Encampment for Citizenship.

Best regards,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encls.

February 14, 1957

Professor C. A. Bacote
Department of Political Science
Atlanta University
223 Chestnut, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Professor Bacote:

Thank you so much for meeting with Professor Kastari of Finland when he was visiting Atlanta. He was appreciative of the opportunity to talk with you, and I think considered his whole Atlanta stay an informative one. Thanks again for this service.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

February 14, 1957

Professor Arthur Miller
Emory University Law School
Emory University, Georgia

Dear Professor Miller:

I greatly appreciate your helpfulness and hospitality in meeting with our recent visitor from Finland, Professor Kastari.

He enjoyed meeting with you and other members of the faculty and the luncheon which you so kindly arranged.

I am sorry to have missed attending this get together, but look forward to meeting you soon.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

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February 14, 1957

Miss Patty Lou West
Turkey Creek, Kentucky

Dear Miss West:

I am sending you a copy of "The Louisville Story," which reports on the desegregation of schools there, and a list of integrated colleges.

The following references would provide additional information on the schools in Kentucky.

The Courier-Journal, Louisville, October 21, 1956, Section 4, p. 1.

Southern School News, November, 1956, p. 11.

You would find helpful information in each issue of Southern School News. If it is not in your library, the mail address is P.O. Box 6156, Acklen Station, Nashville 5, Tennessee. Some reports on integration have also been issued by the State Department of Education at Frankfort; these may be available upon request.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

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Morehead High School
Morehead, Kentucky

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Boone County High School
Florence, Kentucky

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Mr. James Mackay
State Representative, Dekalb County
Masonic Temple Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Jim:

It was good to see you at the Legislature on last Thursday. Thanks so much for taking some time with Professor Kastari from Finland; he was greatly flattered at being introduced to the House and we appreciate your doing so.

You have my personal thanks for your good votes in recent weeks. Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

February 15, 1957

Mrs. Dorothy I. Andrews
Editor, OUR LITTLE MESSENGER
38 West Fifth Street
Dayton 2, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Andrews:

In answer to your letter of February 12, 1957, concerning the poem "The Teacher", as far as the Southern Regional Council is concerned you have permission to print the poem. However the usual proceedure in reprinting things of this nature is to obtain permission from the original source. As you will note from the pamphlet "Singers In The Dawn", the poems were taken from publications by three different publishers which are listed in the front of the pamphlet. I do not know which one of these "The Teacher" came from, but I suggest you write to the publishers listed to determine which one published this work originally and ask their permission for reprint.

If we can be of additional help, please do not hesitate to write.

Sincerely,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:fc

February 15, 1957

Mr. Gerhard Van Arkel
Van Arkel & Kaiser
Law Offices
1701 K Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Van Arkel:

Thank you for your letter of February 12, 1957. We very much appreciate your interest. We have seen the Anti-Defamation League's release on the Washington Schools and have forwarded copies to the people in South Carolina. They are planning to use it.

For your information enclosed is a copy of the press reports on Mr. Williams' speech.

Again thanks for your interest.

Sincerely,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:fc
Encl.
cc: Mr. Jim McCain
Mrs. Alice Spearman
Miss Rebecca Reid

February 15, 1957

Mr. Milton C. Vigo
Executive Director
Louisiana Council on Human Relations
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

SRC did not issue the publication to which you and Dr. Fenton referred. I made some suggestions which I hope will fill his other informational needs.

I've planned for a long time to drop you a note and tell you how impressive I think Research In Action is. I sent Vivian a copy. Since she's in the printing business, she was especially interested in your format and design. She asked if you were also responsible for that and asked me to send you a word of congratulations.

I'm enclosing an article which I promised to return to your office.

Sincerely,

Florence Irving

February 15, 1957

Mrs. Bem Price
McLean, Virginia

Dear Margaret:

In case you've wondered about it, the box of voting reports ~~were~~ was received last Monday.

Thank you for sending them.

Sincerely,

Florence Irving

February 15, 1957

Dr. John Fenton, Jr.
1324 Webster Street
New Orleans 18, Louisiana

Dear Dr. Fenton:

The Southern Regional Council studies on voting have been *Race and Suffrage In The South Since 1940* and *Race and Suffrage Today* (*New South*, January, 1953). The former lists registration figures for 1940 and 1947, and the latter includes 1952 data. I think you have both of these studies. We did not issue the report which you discussed with Mr. Vigo. If you would like to have the current registration figures which ~~we've~~ were sent in by the consultants making our 1956 survey, I'll be glad to send those to you.

We have used the 1950 Census figures showing median school years completed by persons 25 and over as a measure of the educational attainment of Negroes.

Some of the most recent date on the economic status of Negroes is contained in *The Negro Potential* by Eli Ginzberg; in the article, "Negro Gains" in the December 18, 1954, issue of *Business Week*; and in "The Negro's New Economic Life", *Fortune Magazine*, September, 1956. We do not have extra copies of the magazine articles, but if they are not in your library, we will lend you our copies.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving,
Research Assistant

FBI:fc

February 15, 1957

Mr. Albert W. Dent
President
Dillard University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Al:

I was delighted to learn that Gabe Alexander is going to be working in the business office at Dillard.

Gabe is a conscientious and able fiscal man, and moreover is the pleasantest of people to work with. The whole staff here saw him leave with much regret. It is good to know that his services are going to be used by so sympathetic an institution as Dillard.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

February 15, 1957

Mr. Paul Christopher
216 Flatiron Building
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Paul:

Here's the sad news from Potofsky. We have reviewed the correspondence between him and George, but have not found it clear on the points that Potofsky makes in the attached.

It sounds pretty final, but I would like to know if you feel there is anything further which could or should be done to try to reopen the door.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encl.

February 15, 1957

AIR MAIL

Mr. Seymour Samet
The American Jewish Committee
1208 Congress Building
Miami 32, Florida

Dear Seymour:

We finally managed to complete a summary of the discussions at the Atlanta University meeting. A copy was mailed to you yesterday. As you will see Miami was discussed, but I made no effort to report the discussion in detail. The main thing is for the agencies involved to pitch in.

You will see the device that was agreed on for extending the concert~~ing~~ed community effort. Perhaps such a "meeting on the ground" would be in order for Miami. If you think so, let us know and we will begin to explore.

You were much missed at the Atlanta conference. I hope you will be able to make the next one in the late spring.

Unfortunately there is every likelihood that I will be in New York on February 28th and the following day. Give us a call anyway. If I am not here, others on the staff would like to talk with you.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

February 15, 1957

Dr. William Lloyd Imes
Visiting Dean of Chapel
The Fisk Union Church
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Imes:

We are deeply grateful to the Fisk Union Church for its continuing support and friendship. The fact that this faithful contribution is made possible by the sacrifices of the students makes us cherish it the more.

The December issue of New South proved so pupular that our supply was virtually exhausted in a matter of days. I have asked my secretary if she can find at least a few which we can send you.

With appreciation and kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Under separate cover this date:
3 copies December New South '56
Encl. SRC official receipt $20.00

February 15, 1957

Dr. Leon M. Adkins
Executive Secretary
The General Board of Education
The Methodist Church
Post Office Box 871
Nashville 2, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Adkins:

We are deeply grateful to the Division of the Local Church of the Board of Education for its renewed assistance to the work of the Southern Regional Council. This evidence of continuing friendship and support sustains us in a difficult and demanding time.

Miss Talbot suggested that you might want to write to Dr. Mitchell. He is still in Atlanta at 906 Lullwater Road, N. E., but will be leaving for a leisurely drive to New York on February 27th. I would suppose that mail would reach him after that date, until his sailing on March 8th, if addressed c/o his brother, Broadus Mitchell, 49 Barrow Street, New York City.

With appreciation and kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encl. SRC Official Receipt $300

February 15, 1957

Mr. Elmo Roper
The Fund for the Republic
60 East Forty-Second Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Roper:

It is very kind of you and Mr. Hoffman to invite me to your pre-dinner gathering at the Mayflower Hotel on February 21st. I accept with pleasure, and I am only sorry that Mrs. Fleming will not be able to be with me.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

February 15, 1957

Mr. James Peck
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
Newsfilm Project
1213 North Highland Avenue
Los Angeles 38, California

Dear Jim:

I am glad that you think well of the chronology, notwithstanding the competing attractions of the blue skies and sunny beaches. Eight copies are coming to you, and one is being sent to New York for George's use.

I guess I will be seeing George at the shindig in Washington and/or the following week in New York, since I am to be on deck then.

I could do with some of that lethargy you are generating out there. If and when you come back to your ancestral region, bring me some.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Chronology under separate cover this date.

February 15, 1957

Mr. William H. Frey
1607 Briardale Lane, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Frey:

Thanks for your good letter and the very welcome contribution to the work of the Council.

It is tough to try to fill the shoes of a guy like George Mitchell, but it is made much easier when people like you continue their friendship with us.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encl. SRC Official Receipt $25

February 15, 1957

Mr. Albert W. Dent
President
Dillard University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Al:

Thanks for your note of advice about Mr. Stern. I will follow through at some early date after March 20th.

I got a card from my old friend, Phil Stern, from some unlikely point in the Middle East. When he gets reestablished on the mainland, I might be able tactfully to discuss this matter with him too.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

February 15, 1957

Miss Ada M. Field
New Garden Road
Route 1
Guilford College, North Carolina

Dear Miss Field:

Dr. Mitchell has retired from the Southern Regional Council to take a well-earned sojourn in Scotland. Therefore I am answering your letter of February 8th.

The December issue of New South has proved very popular indeed -- so much so that our supply has been exhausted. So we have been reduced to the unhappy necessity of advising people who want additional copies that they are free to mimeograph the contents or reproduce them in any other way. It may be that we will later be able to acquire more reprints of the "Henderson Pastors' Diary," in which case we will explore the possibilities of the further distribution which you suggest.

Do let us hear from you further when you have program possibilities to suggest.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

February 15, 1957

Mr. Edwin J. Lukas
The American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Ed:

Since we last corresponded about the Petal Paper, I have received a check for $300 and a list of subscribers from Joe Rauh. These have been duly forwarded to P. D. East.

Incidentally, P. D. East informs me that he was positively overcome by all the kindness and assistance you provided him up there.

I will be in New York most of the week starting Monday, February 25th, and will hope for some conversation with you.

Meanwhile, best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

P. S. Copies of Fear and Prejudice have arrived. We appreciate them and will put them to good use.

February 15, 1957

Mr. Arnold Aronson
National Community Relations Advisory Council
Room 201
Nine East Thirty-Eighth Street
New York 16, New York

Dear Arnie:

I have waited this long to write you about the Monday meeting because I wanted to be sure that there was absolutely no chance of my being there. Unfortunately, I am now sure. We are hard-pressed here on both program and organizational ventures, and I must be in Washington on the 21st and in New York from the evening of the 22nd well into the following week.

As a substitute, I sent you yesterday, Air-Mail Special Delivery, four copies of our summary of the Atlanta University meeting. It took us some time to get it done, but I feel that it is fairly thorough and should give you and members of the Executive Committee much of the background you will need.

Maybe we can get together when I am in New York the week of the 25th. I will call you.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

February 15, 1957

Mr. Roy Wilkins
Executive Secretary, NAACP
20 West 40th Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Wilkins:

Enclosed is a copy of an editorial from the Montgomery Advertiser which we thought you might be interested in seeing.

With best wishes,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:fc
Encl.

Febr ary 15, 1957

Mr. Everett L. Perry
Secretary
Office for Field Survey
Board of National Missions of the
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Perry:

You will have heard from our research assistant, Miss Florence Irving, about your request for population studies.

Any one of several members of our staff could serve as a speaker for your Charleston workshop. The following are the most likely candidates:

Fred Routh, assistant director, who is in charge of the Council's field services;

Dr. C. H. Parrish, who works with our field program part-time. Dr. Parrish, as you may know, was the first Negro faculty member employed at the University of Louisville after it integrated.

If you decide that you want a speaker from our staff, let us know and we will be glad to work it out.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

Mailed 2/15/57
to: SRC state affiliates
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GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

February 15, 1957

MEMORANDUM

"A CITY DECIDES," A MOVIE ON THE INTEGRATION OF SCHOOLS IN ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, IS SCHEDULED BY THE NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY FOR TELEVISION AT 5:00 P.M., SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1957.

FILM CONTENT:

The film concerns the smooth transition of the St. Louis, Missouri, schools from a segregated to an integrated system. Scenes show how school and city officials made their plans, conferences with parents, student reaction, and other phases in the transition period.

SUGGESTIONS:

(1) Alert persons in your area that the film is scheduled.
(2) Telephone the local NBC television outlet to determine if the film is to be shown in your area and, if so, when.
(3) If film is shown, ask your friends to telphone and/or write constructive comments to the local station and to NBC officials. (This might help encourage television officials to schedule other programs of this nature.)

Notice of this program has been inserted in the current New South, being mailed on this date.

February 15, 1957

Mr. Edward Reed
Fund for the Republic, Inc.
60 East Forty-Second Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Ed:

Not having heard from you further on the showing of "A City Decides," we have proceeded to send out the enclosed memo to key people over the South.

In addition, we sent enclosed a mimeographed notice with each copy of the current issue of New South. This reaches some 5500 potential viewers.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encl.

February 18, 1957

Mr. Lester Banks
State Association of Branches, N.A.A.C.P.
404½ North 2nd Street
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mr. Banks:

A group of agencies having professional staff working in the South recently met at Atlanta University. I am enclosing for your infromation minutes of the meeting. Among the agencies represented was the N.A.A.C.P. by Mr. Roy Wilkins.

The agencies agreed, as you will see in the minutes, to a cooperative effort in the South. It was felt that a sort of "pilot" attempt at cooperative effort would be helpful. We also felt that our first effort should be in an "opportunity" community rather than a "crisis" community. Charlottesville was chosen as the best possibility. The meeting will take place on March 4th and 5th.

Mr. Wilkins felt that it would be better to have you represent the N.A.A.C.P., rather than have him come down from New York. I hope it will be possible for you to make the meeting.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm
Enclosures

cc: Mr. Roy Wilkins

February 18, 1957

Mr. Boris Shishkin, Director
Civil Rights Department
AFL-CIO
815 Sixteenth Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Boris Shishkin:

Here is our most recent summary statement on the work of the Southern Regional Council. I thought you would like to see it.

My own work is progressing; there is plenty to do.

Fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm
Enclosure: The South of Promise

February 18, 1957

Mr. Harry Fleischman, Director
National Labor Service
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Harry Fleischman:

Here is our most recent summary statement on the work of the Southern Regional Council. I thought you would like to see it.

My own work is progressing; there is plenty to do.

I hope to see you at #189 meeting and the A.L.E.S. Conference the end of this week.

Fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm
Enclosure: The South of Promise

February 18, 1957

Mr. Milton C. Vigo
Executive Director
Louisiana Council on Human Relations
303 Board of Trade Annex Bldg.
New Orleans 12, La.

Dear Milton:

Certainly you may have the film "Desegregation In Baltimore" during the week of April 15-19, and I will send it to you soon enough to be previewed. The film is now on a reel so there should be no trouble on that score.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:fc

February 18, 1957

Mr. Troy Clinesmith
The Inter-Faith Forum
Box 1142
Emory University, Georgia

Dear Troy:

Under separate cover we are sending several pieces of material which you may find helpful in your current discussions.

It was a pleasure being with your group yesterday. If we can be of further help let us know.

Very truly yours,

Paul Anthony,
Administrative Assistant

PA:fe
Encl.

Sent: Chronology
Pro Seg. report
Next Steps in The South
Three Views
Jan '57 New South

February 18, 1957

Mr. Roy Wilkins
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
20 West 40th Street
New York, New York

Dear Roy:

Confirming our phone conversation of today, the first team effort of agency personnel, planned at Atlanta University in January, will take place in Charlottesville, Virginia, on March 4th and 5th.

We plan this as a two day meet. Our proposed procedure is: (1) staff people come together with local "coordinator" Mrs. Sara Patton Boyle to get briefed in the situation; (2) staff people go out into the community to get their own picture of the situation and to contact members of their local constituency; (3) staff people meet together (second morning, for progress report and to plan afternoon meeting); (4) each staff person brings in one key person from own constituency to meet with others in closed session to determine: (a) what more can be done, (b) what part of task each local group can best perform, and (c) how they can best cooperate and coordinate their efforts.

First meeting takes place at 10:30, Monday, March 4th, at Mrs. Boyle's home, 171 Mimosa Drive (on Route 29, South, near University).

This exploratory effort has exciting possibilities, for Charlottesville is an "opportunity" community. I look forward to seeing your Virginia man there.

Regards,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm
cc: Mr. Lester Banks

Attached letter sent to following, February 18, 1957:

Lewis Deer
Grace Hamilton
Gordon Lovejoy
C. C. Tarplee
Herman Long
Mary Jane Willett (cc: Mrs. Savilla Simons)

February 18, 1957

Mrs. Grace Hamilton
The Atlanta Urban League
239 Auburn Avnue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Grace:

I have tried to reach you by phone but have found you out; I know how busy you are. The first attempt to implement the cooperative agency team idea we concocted at Atlanta University in January will be held March 4th and 5th, in Charlottesville, Virginia. A number of agencies have already agreed to participate.

We plan this as a two day meet. Our proppsed procedure is: (1) staff people come together with local "coordinator" Mrs. Sara Patton Boyle to get briefed in the situation; (2) staff people go out into the community to get own picture of the situation and to contact members of their local constituency (3) staff people meet together (second morning, for progress report and to plan afternoon meeting; (4) each staff person brings in one key person from own constituency to meet with others in closed session to determine: (a) what more can be done, (b) what part of task each local group can best perform, and (c) how they can best cooperate and coordinate their efforts.

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Regards,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

Attached letter sent to following, February 18, 1957:

Hy Lewis
Sam Lubin
Ben Sissel

February 18, 1957

Mr. Hylan Lewis
Unitarian Service Committee
9 Park Street
Boston, Mass.

Dear Hy:

This is to bring you up to date on the progress of our first attempt to implement the cooperative agency team idea developed at the Atlanta University meeting in January. We have decided on Charlottesville, Virginia, as an "opportunity" community in which we can wet our feet and give some real assistance to our local constituencies. The meeting will be March 4th and 5th.

We plan this as a two day meet. Our proposed procedure is: (1) staff people come together with local "coordinator" Mrs. Sara Patton Boyle to get briefed in the situation; (2) staff people go out into the community to get own picture of the situation and to contact members of their local constituency; (3) staff people meet together (second morning, for progress report and to plan afternoon meeting); (4) each staff person brings in one key person from own constituency to meet with others in closed session to determine: (a) what more can be done, (b) what part of task each local group can best perform, and (c) how they can best cooperate and coordinate their efforts.

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Hope this sounds as promising to you as it does to those whom we've contacted to come (because they hage a local constituency). Among the agencies which have accepted are ADL, AFSC, Baptists, Episcopalians, NAACP, NCCJ, National Council of Churches, Presbyterians, SRC, and the two "Y's."

Best regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:am

February 18, 1957

Mr. Ralph Rose
Midwest Secretary
Friends World Committee
Wilmington College
Wilmington, Ohio

Dear Ralph:

I notice from the call to the Florida Friends Conference that you will be on their program Saturday, March 9th.

A visit from you to the offices of SRC, to Atlanta Friends Meeting, or to Warm Springs would be most welcome. Perhaps Atlanta could be made a logical stopping point. We would be happy to have you come by the offices for whatever time you could manage. If you have the extra time it would, of course, be very wonderful to get in a side trip to see Margaret.

Let me know if you can spend some time here.

I hope you, or some knowledgable person, will be in on the conference's roundtable on current interracial problems. I am not close to the planning at all, but I'm concerned that the consideration not be too general and far removed from action by individual Friends or groups of Friends.

Best wishes to you and to family. We hope to see you.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

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Attached letter sent to following, February 18, 1957:

Tartt Bell
Malcolm Calhoun
Will Cambell
Murray Friedman
Dr. A. C. Miller
Al Payne

C O P Y

February 15, 1957

Mr. Tartt Bell
American Friends Service Committee
P.O. Box 3244
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Tartt:

Confirming our phone conversation of a few days back, the first team effort of agency personnel, planned at Atlanta University in January, will take place in Charlottesville, Virginia, on March 4th and 5th.

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Regards,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

February 19, 1957

Reverend J. Carson Pritchard
Bowdon Road
Carrollton, Georgia

Dear Carson:

How kind of you and your good wife to renew your contribution to the Council for 1957 -- and how welcome it is!

As it happens, this is a time of special need for us; both friendship and funds give us real comfort.

George is still in Atlanta but is leaving on the 27th. We will pass on your good wishes to him.

With appreciation and warmest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encl. SRC official Receipt $25.00

February 19, 1957

Mr. Charles H. Thompson
Editor
Journal of Negro Education
Bureau of Educational Research
Howard University
Washington 1, D. C.

Dear Mr. Thompson:

I am sorry our notation, "Not for publication," threw you off. As you might guess, this was put on for other purposes. Its meaning for your contributors would simply be "Not for publication except in the special summary issue of the Journal of Negro Education." We have carefully reviewed the list of your respective contributors and have found that only in three states -- North Carolina, Georgia, and Alabama -- do we have other material that would be helpful to contributors who did not participate in our study. On further reflection, it occurs to us that the simplest way to handle this would be for your contributors in these states to communicate directly with our consultants. In each case except North Carolina, they might be expected to be closely in touch anyway.

In case you do not have our list handy, the three consultants in question are: Solomon Sutker, A & M. College, Stillwater, Oklahoma; Mr. James Pierce, Alabama State College, Montgomery; John Griffin, Emory University, Georgia and Dean Brazeal, Morehouse College, Atlanta Georgia.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

February 19, 1957

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

This is to acknowledge with thanks your letter of February 14th. I am returning herewith the copy of your letter to Reed Sarratt, which I thought was excellently done. Your other efforts to reach Mr. Babcock and your letter to Mr. Dudley give us great encouragement.

We have indeed been in close touch with Paul Christopher and, to a lesser degree, with Paul Williams. I am about to be off for Washington and New York, where I hope to further our fortunes with other contributors. I will be staying at the Roosevelt Hotel in New York. If suggestions occur to you of leads I might usefully pursue there, please feel free to call me. I expect to be in New York from Friday evening, February 22nd, through the following Friday.

With best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encl.

February 19, 1957

Mr. Vinton E. Ziegler
58 Barrow Street
New York 14, New York

Dear Vinton:

Thanks for both your good letters. I had held off answering the first one until I was a little sure of my schedule. As it now stands, I will be in New York over next weekend and into the following week.

I appreciate your writing me in such detail of the final decision with respect to ACE. You deserve high praise for facing so many disappointing facts so honestly. I am looking forward to talking with you about your future efforts along these lines.

I will call you after my arrival in New York and arrange a time when we can have some conversation.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

bc: Mr. Christopher
Mr. Segal

February 19, 1957

Mr. Jacob S. Potofsky
General President
Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America
15 Union Square
New York 3, New York

Dear Mr. Potofsky:

It was kind of you to write me so fully about the relationship between the Sidney Hillman Foundation and the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union, and the effect of this on our request for financial aid. In all honesty, I must say that I regret exceedingly that it is not possible for the Union or the Foundation to give further financial support to the work of the Council. In view of the agreement reached in 1954, however, I can readily understand your feeling that it is not possible at this time.

I hope that George Mitchell's leaving will not affect in any way the long-standing friendship and cooperation between the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union and the Southern Regional Council. Now more than ever we prize the friendship of you and your associates.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

February 19, 1957

Mr. Albert Vorspan
Union of American Hebrew Congregations
Commission on Social Action
838 Fifth Avenue
New York 21, New York

Dear Al:

Thank you for your very welcome letter of February 15th. I hope I can do justice to the heavy responsibilities of the new position.

I am sending you separately a copy of Integration North and South.

I am to be in New York next week and will be calling you in the hope that we may have an opportunity to get together.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

February 19, 1957

Mr. Nat Griswold
Executive Director
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
211 South Izard
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

We have made a change of address as requested for Dr. and Mrs. Maurice J. Friedman. No great trouble at all.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

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ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENU

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

February 19, 1957

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

MEMORANDUM

TO: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

FROM: HAROLD C. FLEMING, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As we approach the date tentatively set for an emergency meeting of the Executive Committee, this is to give you a report on our financial situation and to notify you that the meeting will not be held next Monday, February 25th.

As you will see from the attached financial summary, our situation has not improved; if anything, it has worsened. However, by using all available funds -- including the general funds for New South printing -- it will be barely possible to meet the payroll on February 28th. In short, as of February 28th, we will be at the next-to-last gasp. It has seemed to me that we should reserve the contingency of an emergency meeting for the last gasp. I have consulted with Mr. Wright and Mr. Clement and find that they share this feeling.

Although we will not now designate a date, I ask you to bear in mind that an emergency meeting may still be necessary before our next payroll date of March 15th.

The staff is continuing every possible effort to relieve this financial crisis. One effort now in process is the creation of the George S. Mitchell Tribute Fund. You will be receiving shortly the details of this plan for honoring Dr. Mitchell and strengthening the Council's treasury at the same time.

I am about to leave for Washington and New York, where I hope to further some of our requests pending and, with good fortune, to find other sources of early assistance. Please continue your own efforts and if possible redouble them.

Kindest regards.

HCF/eab
Encl.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

General Operating Funds
February 19, 1957

BALANCE, February 1, 1957		$ 378.63
Field Grant for *New South* Printing		3,000.00
Bank Deposits to February 15, 1957		4,716.06
Individual Contributions	$ 50.00	
Churches	320.00	
Foundations	300.00	
New South and Misc. Literature	273.20	
Travel Refund	122.41	
Refund on Office Supplies	20.45	
George S. Mitchell Dinner	125.00	
Postage Refund	5.00	
Overhead Allocation from Fact-Finding Program	3,500.00	
	$4,716.06	
Total available through February 15, 1957		$8,094.69
Less: Disbursements through February 15, 1957		
Misc. Literature	$ 146.50	
Rent	140.00	
Postage	53.00	
Replenish Petty Cash	27.53	
Social Security Tax Expense for Jan.	142.85	
Travel	100.43	
New South Printing and Postage	660.89	
Georgia Sales Tax for January	3.80	
Salaries 2/1-15/57	3,144.39	
Miscellaneous Expense	10.44	4,429.83
Balance available, February 16, 1957		$3,664.86
Income certain by February 28, 1957		
Interest Income on Savings	$ 791.00	
Unexpended State Balance	1,666.66	2,457.66
Total certain by February 28, 1957		$6,122.52
Accounts payable before February 28, 1957	$1,855.00	
Salaries payable on February 28, 1957	2,512.00	4,367.00
Prospective balance, March 1, 1957		$1,755.52

February 19, 1957

Mr. George R. Weir
1905 - 25th Avenue
Northport, Alabama

Dear Mr. Weir:

We have received your application for employment in a research position with the Southern Regional Council.

As I explained to you at Tuscaloosa, there are no openings now; however, we have filed your application and qualification data sheet and if an appropriate position opens we will advise you of it and probably ask for further information at that time.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

February 19, 1957

Reverend Will D. Campbell
Department of Racial and Cultural Relations
National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.
1716 West End Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Will:

I write about three things:

(1) Thanks for the letter which contained the information about Roswell Barnes and his proposed and past actions. I will be glad to come to a pre-conference conference on short notice, for I understand the nature of the situation.

(2) The Charlottesville deal is now all set and you will have received by this time a letter explaining the details thereof. Really hope you can make this, because its important.

(3) How about a progress report on your visit to Koinonia and any subsequent follow-up? I am enclosing a chronology on Koinonia we did (which Emory Via may have already sent you; if so, have two).

Best regards, old boy. See you at Charlottesville.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm
Enclosure

February 19, 1957

Miss Margaret C. McCulloch
Executive Secretary
Integration Service, Inc.
835 Walker Avenue
Memphis 6, Tennessee

Dear Miss McCulloch:

We are mailing to you, under separate cover, sample copies of several pamphlets we are distributing. Price is marked on each pamphlet. These pamphlets will be available for your proposed conference on consignment if you wish any of them.

Only one sample copy of *New South* is enclosed. Others are available on request.

I am very sorry, but we do not have much free material for distribution at this time.

Please let me know if I can be of help to you in selecting conference material.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:mm

MAILED:

Pro-Segregation Groups in the South
The South and the Supreme Court Decision
What the Supreme Court Said
Next Steps in the South
Changing Patterns in the New South
New South, February, 1956
What's Happening in School Integration
Three Views of the Segregation Decision

February 19, 1957

Mr. Howard D. Roberts
Florida Council on Human Relations
324 S. Beach Street
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Howard:

It was with a sense of regret that I read your letter of February 14th, yet I fully understand your position. The future of all of the state councils is in some doubt and I can appreciate your desire for more certain and stable employment opportunities.

I will be glad to do anything possible to help you find other employment for I have confidence in your professional ability. I feel that you have done a really good job in Florida and I know that the organization will miss you and your competencies. Both Harold and I would be pleased to have you use us as references as you apply for other employment.

I have just received a letter from my friend George Culberson, Director of the Pittsburg Commission on Human Relations, in which he says that you have applied for one of the two openings with the Commission. I am writing him this morning saying that you are competent to fill either position, but I feel that you would be more happy as research analyst.

Please keep in touch with us and let us know how things develop.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

February 19, 1957

Reverend J. W. Reynolds, Jr., Minister
Cave Spring Methodist Church
3322 Mount Vernon Drive, S.W.
Roanoke, Virginia

Dear Reverend Reynolds:

A real quick note to acknowledge your letter of February 12. We think the Roanoke Ministers' Conference is truly witnessing its deep faith by its actions over the past few months and its proposed institute or series of seminars on desegregation.

We are pulling together a sort of prospectus which might be helpful to your plans.

I recently attended a conference which sought to plan for a series of workshops on desegregation for ministers. Three men there whom you might contact:

Rev. Will D. Campbell
1716 West End Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

Mr. Lewis H. Deer
Director, Intercultural Relations
United Christian Missionary Society
222 South Downey Avenue
Indianapolis 7, Indiana

Dr. Harold L. Lunger
Department of Christian Ethics
Brite College of the Bible
Texas Christian University
Fort Worth, Texas.

Mr. Lunger is planning to hold such a workshop for ministers at Texas Christian University this summer. I would also suggest that you write Miss Mary Howard, Administrative Assistant, Commission on Religious Organizations, N.C.C.J., 43 West 57th Street, New York 19, New York, for a copy of "A Summary Report on the Workshop on Intergroup Tensions," presented by the Federated Theological Faculty of the University of Chicago.

You will be hearing from me shortly.

Best regards,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

P.S. I am sure you are aware of "Race Relations, It's Our Responsibility - Let's Discuss It," prepared by The Board of Social and Economic Relations of the Virginia Annual Conference, the Methodist Church.

February 19, 1957

Mr. George W. Culberson
Executive Director
Pittsburgh Commission on Human Relations
518 City County Building
Pittsburgh 19, Pa.

Dear Mr. Culberson:

We have received your letter of February 13 stating that Mr. Howard D. Roberts has applied for a position as Research Analyst or Housing Specialist with the Pittsburgh Commission on Human Relations. I personally believe he is competent to fill either position, but would do better as a Research Analyst.

Mr. Roberts has been the Associate Director of our affiliate, the Florida Council on Human Relations, for some two years. During that time he has shown a good deal of ability in the delicate field of human relations in a Southern state. He has worked closely with interracial groups in a score of Florida cities. He has helped direct research to determine the status of intergroup relations in Florida. He has had the admiration and respect of the lay board of directors of the Florida Council.

You have probably received a more detailed summary of education than that which follows, but our records show Mr. Roberts attended Stanton High School, Jacksonville, Florida, graduating in 1947. He received his A.B. degree from Morris Brown College (Atlanta) in 1951 and holds a master's degree in social work from Atlanta University School of Social Work; received, 1953.

His work experience includes the Atlanta Urban League; the Health and Welfare Council, Philadelphia; the Stevens Smith Home for the Aged, Philadelphia; and Walter Reed Army Medical Center, D.C.

You'll find Mr. Roberts a personable, intelligent, capable individual. He is a person of considerable potentiality. He has a flexible, non-totalitarian personality. Frankly, we hate to see him go.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

February 19, 1957

Mr. George W. Culberson
Pittsburgh Commission on Human Relations
518 City County Building
Pittsburgh 19, Pa.

Dear George:

Here is a formal letter of reply to your formal letter of inquiry about Howard Roberts. Frankly, he's a hell of a good guy who, working under your leadership, will make a good contribution to the Pittsburgh Commission.

Best regards, your rebel buddy,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

February 20, 1957

Mr. Stan Opotowsky
The New York Post
75 West Street
New York 6, New York

Dear Stan:

A belated note of appreciation for your "Dixie Dynamite" series. We especially appreciate the handling of the material we passed along and the generous way in which you mentioned SRC.

As to notes and material, I can well understand the difficulty anyone else would have with them. However, a copy of the transcript of the first Mississippi meeting for our files would be helpful.

We shall look forward to seeing you again on your next Southern jaunt.

Warmest regards,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA:mm

February 20, 1957

Mr. John H. Marion
Virginia Council on Human Relations
100 East Franklin Street
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Jack:

Have received your letter of the 18th and am awaiting the clippings on the Richmond Ministers' "Statement of Conviction on Race." It is wonderful that the Presbyterian Outlook took the Richmond papers to task and thank God for the clergy of Richmond who stood up and testified to their faith.

Sorry about the Field Foundation, but as you probably know, the will is still in probate court, so the thirty million dollar bequest is not available to them yet. As you say, "Alas."

Jack, the Charlottesville meeting which I mentioned on the phone to you comes off the 4th and 5th of March. Patty Boyle is serving as local coordinator. It would be most helpful if you were there too. Enclosed is a copy of the letter that went out announcing this.

Best personal regards.

Warmly,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

Enclosure

Sent under separate cover:

Housing of The Nonwhite Population, 1940-1950

In These Ten Cities

Equality of Opportunity in Housing

The Annals, March, 1956

"Open Occupancy Housing"

February 20, 1957

Miss Barbara Gaehr
Western College for Women
Oxford, Ohio

Dear Miss Gaehr:

There are a number of organisations issuing reports on housing and working toward the elimination of discrimination in housing. Please check your library or write to the following for current reports.

Commission on Race and Housing
2180 Milvia Street
Berkeley 4, California

Anti-Defamation League
518 Madison Avenue
New York 22, N. Y.

National Community Relations Advisory Council
9 East 38th Street
New York 16, New York

National Committee Against Discrimination in Housing
35 West 32nd Street
New York 1, New York

I am sending you some publications on housing. Several of these are somewhat dated, but may provide you with background information. Please contact the suggested sources and check your library for more current material. A fairly substantial amount on discrimination in housing has appeared in recent publications.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving,
Research Assistant

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

MRS. MARGARET PRICE
ROUTE 1, Box 272
MCLEAN, VIRGINIA
(PHONE ELWOOD 6-4516)

LAST MINUTE CHANGE. NOW ARRIVING EASTERN'S 560 DUE 3:30 P.M. TODAY.

Harold

February 20, 1957

Mrs. Moss Patterson
Director of Speech Department
Madisonville High School
Madisonville, Ky.

Dear Mrs. Patterson:

I am sending you a copy of "The Louisville Story," which reports on the desegregation of schools there, and a list of integrated colleges.

The following references would provide additional information on the schools in Kentucky.

The Courier-Journal, Louisville, October 21, 1956
Section 4, p. 1.
Southern School News, November, 1956, p. 11.

You would find helpful information in each issue of Southern School News. If it is not in your library, the mail address is P. O. Box 6156, Acklen Station, Nashville 5, Tenn. Some reports on integration have also been issued by the State Department of Education at Frankfort; these may be available upon request.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving,
Research Assistant

FBI:fc

February 20, 1957

Mr. Solomon Sutker
Associate Professor of Sociology
Oklahoma A & M College
Stillwater, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Sutker:

Mr. Fleming said that you had planned to mimeograph copies of your report on "Negro Suffrage in North Carolina". If you have done this, please send us four or five copies.

We understand that the Negro registration figures were not obtainable for all counties, but we wonder if there are counties in which no Negroes are registered. If this is likely, in what counties do you think there are no Negro registrants?

SRC does not plan to make additional attempts to get county-by-county registration figures of Negroes, but I'm personally curious about Negro registration in North Carolina. Could you suggest any methods for obtaining the current registration of Negroes in each county?

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving,
Research Assistant

FBI:fc

February 20, 1957

Mrs. John Bradshaw
Box 202
Guilford College, North Carolina

Dear Lyn,

I sent you the material to which you referred in your January 27th letter, and I'm glad you find it useful. I'm enclosing a list of publications which you might show to any League members who'd possibly be interested in ordering these.

I was a member of the Greensboro League before May, 1954, as were other Negroes, so I did not include it in the list of Leagues on page 103 of Integration North and South. Mrs. Walters told us that Charlotte, Durham, and Raleigh Leagues integrated after May, 1954. They are not identified because she was reluctant for us to do so.

We certainly regret that the Bradshaws are leaving North Carolina, but I hope you'll enjoy Norfolk. The Council's state affiliate is located at 100 East Franklin Street, Richmond, and Rev. John Marion is its director. The Council doesn't have a local affiliate in Norfolk, but the city has a concerned and influential group which can be contacted as follows:

Women's Council for Interracial Cooperation
c/o Mrs. H. M. Silverman
1016 Larchmont Crescent
Norfolk 8, Virginia

Do you remember Marie Edwards (now Mrs. Jones)? She lives in Hampton or a nearby community. I'll try to locate and send you her address before you move.

Regards to John and the children,

Sincerely,

FBI:fc

Florence B. Irving,

Research Assistant

February 20, 1957

Rev. Charles Frazier
Haygood Memorial Methodist Church
1015 East Rock Springs Road
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Charles:

This is to remind you that I am expecting you at the Workshop to be on March 1st, in the Ladies' Parlor of the Wesley Memorial Methodist Church. I think you said you could be here soon after 10'o'clock. I am delighted that you have agreed to do this splendid service for us, and I can tell them that I happened to belong to the same Church that "grew you up".

Ever grateful to you, I remain

Youss sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

MET:fc

February 20, 1957

Mr. Robert G. Armstrong
Professor of Anthropology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

We are delighted that you have agreed to speak at the Workshop of Church Women, March 1st. I hope it will be convenient for you to be with us about 11 o'clock. If not, we will fit you in if you advise us what time you will find it possible to leave the college. We will meet in the Women's Parlor, Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, on the 1st floor. The door to the building is the last door of the Church on Auburn Avenue, opening into the basement. A few steps brings you to the first floor, and you will find the Parlor the first door on the left.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

MET:fc

February 20, 1957

Mrs. E. P. Faris
265 Ludford Street
Ludlow, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Faris:

Mrs. Wisehart has written that you have a very fine yough group that might be used on a panel, and a Judge, Juvenile officer, Minister, and Priest who are working on the problem of divorce. If you want to use them, it would be very fine for the class. If you succeed in securing them please let me know, and on what day they would appear. I would like some further information about your session on Sunday. When I get this information, I will send you an outline of the course.

Looking forward to being with you, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

MET:fc

February 20, 1957

Dr. A. C. Miller
Christian Life & Service Commission
Southern Baptist Convention
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Miller:

Please wire me if you could be in Birmingham and speak to the Fellowship of the Concerned of that State on March 5th. They suggest that you use two of the same messages that you gave in Atlanta.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly,

MET:fe

February 20, 1957

Mr. Arthur Miller
School of Law
Emory University
Emory University, Georgia

Dear Mr. Miller:

Following our conversation some days ago, I have this information to give you. The Workshop for the Church Women leaders of the State is slated March 1st, Ladies' Parlor, Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, 63 Auburn Avenue. I think you said you could be with us about 11 or 11:30. To let you know something of the group, I am sending you a copy of the South-wide Workshop we had October 30-31, in which there were only a few of the same women who will be with us on March 1st.

We do need to have some clearence about the 14th and 15th Amendments, their history and purposes. Also would like to know something about the barratry.

We are very grateful to you for agreeing to render this service for us.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

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Encl.

February 20, 1957

Mr. J. M. Dabbs
"Rip Raps"
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

For my money, or the lack of it, your head and heart have no peers.

Your note and check have arrived just as I am leaving for Washington and New York on a scavenging expedition. Nothing could give me a better or more inspiring send-off.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encl. SRC Official Receipt $50

Dictated but not read

February 20, 1957

Mr. Samuel Lubin
Atlanta Area Director
The American Jewish Committee
41 Exchange Place, S. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Lubin:

Thanks for your letter of February 19th, enclosing copies of the story and editorial in the Birmingham Post Herald. This is unquestionable a promising beginning on the assumption of responsibility by the economic leadership of the South.

I am about to leave for Washington and New York, where I will see Ed Lukas and possibly many other friends at AJC. I will be gone for about ten days, but as soon as I am back I want to get together with you.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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2/20/57

Mr. Edwin J. Lukas
The American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Ed:

I am most grateful to you for stretching your schedule so that we can get together Friday afternoon, and I am looking forward with much pleasure to seeing you.

This will hardly reach you beforehand, but I am sending the enclosed summary account of the Council's activities in the hope that you may have a chance to glance at it before our conversation.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encl. "South of Promise"
Dictated but not read

February 20, 1957

Mr. J. S. Dudley
20 Exchange Place
New York 5, New York

Dear Mr. Dudley:

We are most grateful to you for your contribution to the work of the Southern Regional Council. Our official receipt is enclosed.

As Mr. Wright has no doubt mentioned to you, this is a time of special need for the Council, and therefore your assistance to us is deeply appreciated. I feel sure that the work of the Council during 1957 will justify your confidence and support.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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Encl. SRC Official Receipt $100
cc: Mr. Marion A. Wright
Dictated but not read

February 20, 1957

Mr. David B. Silberman, Jr.
Treasurer
Sigmund Silberman Foundation
1900-44 North Paulina Street
Chicago 22, Illinois

Dear Mr. Silberman:

We are deeply grateful to you and to the Sigmund Silberman Foundation for your generous contribution to the work of the Southern Regional Council. As I explained in our letter of request, it comes at a time of special need. It is also a time of special opportunity, and we feel sure that the work of the Council during 1957 will justify this continued evidence of confidence and support.

With appreciation and kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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Encl: SRC Official Receipt $400

February 20, 1957

February 20, 1957

Mr. Milton C. Vigo
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

I have your letter of February 15th, and have discussed it with Fred. I gather that he is prepared to supplement his recommendations along the lines that you suggest, and that you and Father McManus will be hearing from him soon.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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February 20, 1957

Mr. Harry S. Jones
121 East Third Street
Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

This is in reply to your letter of February 18th concerning the financial problems of the North Carolina Council.

The staff has no authority to lend money, to the state affiliates or otherwise. The reason for this is that all the funds available for state organizations are committed, and, should a loan not be repaid, the liability would have to be met out of SRC's general operating funds. Therefore this makes it a budgetary matter, and in the present state of our own finances I doubt that our policy group would approve such a budget contingency. In any case, decision would have to await the next meeting of our Executive Committee, which is a couple of months off.

Let me suggest a more promising alternative. In the case of one state group similarly situated, we have made an advance against the last month's (i.e. September, '57) payment to the state organization from SRC. In other words, the state group in question authorized us to withhold its September allocation if the amount advanced is not replaced by that time. This, of course, leaves the state organizations holding the responsibility for bailing itself out in the meantime. If your group has considerable confidence that it can raise the money within the next few months, perhaps it would be willing to take this risk.

I am about to leave the office for about ten days. If you and your officers want to work out an advance of the sort described, write Fred Routh so stating and he will work it out.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Dictated but not read

February 20, 1957

Mr. Robert E. Hughes
1218 Comer Building
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Bob:

I know I am an unconscionable time writing you about the Greater Birmingham Council's compilation of church statements, but it is one of those things that defy the quick judgement and so tend to get deferred.

We see great value in the compilation, but frankly haven't been able to satisfy ourselves as to the best way to realize the benefits. Printing it would be quite expensive, and I am not sure that the demand for such an exhaustive compilation would justify the sizeable investment. Therefore I offer the following alternative possibilities:

1. If the Greater Birmingham Council can print it, or get it printed by somebody else, we will gladly step aside. And, in that case, we might be able to buy a modest number of copies for distribution.

2. If printing in full is not in sight, we would consider a condensed version as a special issue of New South. Our issues of New South reprinting church statements have been popular items.

3. It would be possible to mimeograph the compilation, either in full or with some slight condensation. We could do this in the form of one of our special reports, which you are familiar with. I might say that the special reports have attracted a good deal of favorable attention, and have evoked requests for additional copies from a good many useful sources.

Needless to say, any use that we might contemplate would carry with it full and complete credit to the Greater Birmingham Council for the actual work of compilation. I will hold on to the manuscript until I hear from you. If the decision requires the return of the manuscript, you will get it back promptly.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Dictated but not read

February 20, 1957

Mr. Howard D. Roberts
324 South Beach Street
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Howard:

Thanks for sending me a copy of your letter to Fred about your plans for next steps in employment.

I have discussed this with Fred and he will be writing you about such suggestions and help as we can offer. I think it is extremely important that you find a situation in which your experience and skill in this field can have maximum effect. You can be sure that we want to do everything we can to make that possible.

All good wishes.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Dictated but not read

February 20, 1957

Mr. William K. Williams
324 South Beach Street
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Bill:

I am an unpardonably long time in replying to your letter of January 22nd, forwarding the opinion survey in Orlando. We viewed it as an important matter and one that deserved a good deal of thought. And in all the confusion of the last few weeks, thinking has proceeded in fits and starts.

As it stands, I don't think I can do any better than to quote John Constable's suggestions, which follow:

> This is well done and most useful. I think it could have quite a bit of impact; but I believe that since it involves one Florida community, it would receive more impetus if it were released from that state. Also the fact that it was done by an Orange County, Florida, organization indicates that it should be released by the Florida group (I think it would have a more authentic ring if done this way).
>
> If *Time* is interested and if Herbert Davidson is willing to cooperate, I should think they could get some national play. We could give them the names of some of our news contacts to send copies of the release.
>
> Lastly, I think the news release would take a bit of concentration and work. It would have to be done in such a manner as to get the meat for a short news story and yet keep the findings complete.

This seems to me to make sense. We are eager to help in every possible way, so let us know what happens.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

INCOMING AND PROGRAM TO FBR FOR NEWSLETTER

February 20, 1957

Mr. Harry L. Golden
Editor
The Carolina Israelite
P. O. Box 2505
Charlotte 1, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Golden:

Thanks so much for sending me the program of the interracial institute held at Kinston. It is indeed a very encouraging example of what one man can do in a community. We plan to spread the word among our state groups as an instructive precedent.

The next time you are in Atlanta, please don't fail to come by and see us.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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Dictated but not read

bc: Mr. Williams
Mr. Christopher
Mr. Segal
EFV

February 20, 1957

Mr. George L. P. Weaver
AFL-CIO
815 Sixteenth Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Weaver:

Dr. Rufus Clement, the Chairman of our Executive Committee, has told me of his recent conversation with you in Washington about the needs of the Southern Regional Council.

As Dr. Clement probably explained, the Southern Regional Council will soon be making its annual request for a contribution from the AFL-CIO, and we don't want to depart from normal procedures in submitting that request. But we are much heartened to learn from Dr. Clement of your willingness to explore additional sources of support to the work of the Council.

I note that we are to be together in a workshop at the American Labor Education Service Conference in New York next weekend. I will look forward to seeing you then. Meanwhile, enclosed is a brief summary of the work the Council is doing.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/esb
Encl. "South of Promise"
Dictated but not read

February 20, 1957

Mr. George K. Hunton
Catholic Interracial Council
20 Vesey Street
New York 7, New York

Dear George:

I asked Paul Anthony of our staff, who did a field study of the pro-segregation groups last summer, to advise me of anti-Catholic manifestations. Enclosed is a copy of the summary statement that he has cast up. I am asking him to go a bit further with specific documentation if he can.

You can be sure that we will do our best to keep you posted on the spread of bias that seems inevitable so long as the segregation forces continue to wax fat. I expect to be in New York soon and will hope to see you while I am there.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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Generally, the WCC is careful to limit its major attacks to the Negro, excluding the Catholic and Jew. Their greatest effect on anti-Catholic feeling is in creating an atmosphere in which it is difficult for any minority. However, there are scattered evidences of direct anti-Catholic feeling coming from the WCC.

As the pronouncements and feelings of the Catholic Church become more generally known, an increased effort is made to have Catholic laymen repudiate the stand of Church leaders and to pressure the leaders to repudiate the official policies of the Church. Strongest illustrations of such efforts have occurred in New Orleans where the Church was faced with strong Catholic and non-Catholic criticism for planning to integrate the schools.

While refusing to take "responsibility" for all contents, the WCC's have distributed a number of hate sheets known to have been anti-Catholic in the past. Several South Carolina WCC units distribute "The White Sentinel" in lieu of publishing a local paper. The Association of Citizens' Councils of Mississippi has distributed a list of publications interested in the "segregation problem." These include: "The American Nationalist," "For America," "The Defender," "The Cross and the Flag" (G. L. K. Smith), and the "White Sentinel." One of these, "The American Nationalist," edited by Frank L. Britton of Inglewood, California, is received by every newspaper in Mississippi. The envelope in which these papers are sent bears the WCC state headquarters address.

The Klan, which is receiving a considerable revival, remains traditionally anti-Catholic. With growing units in South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, and Texas, and limited activity in the other Southern states, this carries its own implications. The WCC, of course, denounces the Klan, but makes it possible for them to operate nevertheless. A recent incident of anti-Catholic activity of the Klan type occurred on January 17th at Rock Hill. There a six-foot cross was burned during the night in front of St. Anne's Catholic School. The school is the only desegregated school in South Carolina. In Columbia, during January, six white teen-agers were arrested for burning a cross in front of a gate to Benedict (Negro) College.

February 20, 1957

Mr. P. D. East
Post Office Box 349
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Dear P. D.:

Your letter of February 13th was greatly appreciated. It is little enough that I have done, but I am delighted that you are now so well in touch with people of conscience who appreciate what you are doing.

Your idea for supplementing Mr. Rauh's list has my whole-hearted approval. I could think of no one who might better receive the spare subscriptions.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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February 20, 1957

Mr. Herman Long
Race Relations Department
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Herman:

Enclosed is our check for $1,000 in consideration of John Hope's continuing services to the consultant program of the Southern Regional Council.

I was extremely glad that C. H. Parrish was able to get together with you and discuss this matter in full, because I wanted to be sure that you understood our position.

I'm looking forward to continued and closer cooperation between our two organizations. Until I see you again, which I hope will be soon, all best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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Encl.
(Signed in absence)

February 20, 1957

Mr. Herbert A. Tripp, Jr.
Federated Department Stores, Inc.
Federated Building
Cincinnati 2, Ohio

Dear Mr. Tripp:

We were indeed sorry to learn that your contributions committee was unable to approve a contribution to the Southern Regional Council at this time.

We feel that the Council is in a unique position to make a positive contribution to Southern progress in a time of great difficulty. I hope that it may be possible for your company to consider further the possibility of financial assistance to the Council at a later time.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Dictated but not read

February 20, 1957

Mr. William Peters
921 Grant Avenue
Pelham Manor, New York

Dear Mr. Peters:

At last my schedule has jelled sufficiently for me to write you. I am to be in New York most of the week starting Monday, February 25th. I will be seeing Adam Yarmolinsky and will raise with him the possibility of the three of us getting together while I am there.

You may expect to be hearing from me.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Dictated but not read

February 20, 1957

Mr. Marion Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Marion:

In Harold's absence, I answer your letter of February 18. Like you, I believe we and our state affiliates must be extremely careful about avoiding political activity or propagandizing.

I have read with considerable care the South Carolina Council report for January. Although it deals heavily with matters political, it does so in a factual, reportorial manner. It does not advocate opposition to nor favor toward any of the mentioned legislation. I question whether the mere reporting of legislation or litigation constitutes political activity. If this were so, then *Southern School News* and the *Race Relations Law Reporter* would find themselves under serious limitation and very probably under attack. We have warned that funds would be withdrawn from any state organization which violated the non-political provisions of their charter and their agreement with us. I shall include a reminder of this in the next *Newsletter*.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

February 20, 1957

The Honorable John B. Orr, Jr.
228 N.E. 2nd Avenue
Miami, Florida

Dear Jack:

I just received very pleasant news from David Koonce, whom you'll remember from the old Pepper campaign when he used to work on the Miami Herald. Dave wrote about your stand in the state legislature and won a Fund for the Republic Freedom Award. Winners of these awards are given the privilege of designating a tax exempt agency or organization to receive a like amount from the Fund for the Republic. Dave, bless his heart, designated the Southern Regional Council. I am enclosing a copy of the letter I have just written him.

Best regards. Keep up the good work, and any time we can be of any help just yell.

As ever,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

Enclosure

February 20, 1957

Mr. John R. Larkins
Consultant on Negro Work
North Carolina Department of Public Welfare
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear John:

Thank you for your recent letter inquiring about a workshop on intergroup relations. I know of two such workshops which I consider most worthwhile, one at New York University and the other at Boston University. You should have your friend write to:

(1) Dr. H. H. Giles
Center for Human Relations Studies
Graduate School of Education
New York University
New York, New York

(2) Dr. Kenneth Benne
Boston University Human Relations Center
308 Bay State Road
Boston 15, Massachusetts.

You might also have her write to:

Dr. Herbert Seamans
Director, Commission on Education
National Conference of Christians and Jews
43 West 57th Street
New York 19, New York.

Herbert and the National Conference of Christians and Jews help sponsor a whole series of such workshops in various universities and colleges throughout the country.

I am glad that you had a good session with John Hope. If I wouldn't be accused of creating a horrible pun, I would say he is one of the real hopes of the South.

Whenever you come to Atlanta please come to see us. You're not only welcome, you're wanted.

Best personal regards.

Warmly,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

February 21, 1957

Mr. Milton C. Vigo
Executive Director
Louisiana Council on Human Relations
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans 12, La.

Dear Milton:

Thank you for your letter of February 19. I am pleased that you agree with Harold and me that it would be better to wait until the Louisiana Council stabilizes itself before approaching major foundations.

I will write Father Mac this afternoon about some of the specifics of "For Program Development" by the Louisiana Council. It will include work with the coordinating council and furtherence of research in action.

Best regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

February 21, 1957

Mr. Lewis H. Deer
The United Christian Missionary Society
222 South Downey Avenue
Indianapolis 7, Indiana

Dear Lewis:

I am certainly sorry that it will not be possible for you to be with us at Charlottesville. I would like to have had you there because of your skill and judgement in community relations work. This is true even if the Disciples church in Charlottesville is "of the non-cooperative variety."

Anyhow, better luck next time.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

February 21, 1957

Mr. Everett L. Perry, Secretary
Office for Field Survey
Board of National Missions of
The Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Perry:

I answer your letter of February 19 in Harold Fleming's absence. I will be happy to come to Charleston to discuss with the workshop population trends in the Southern states, with particular reference to Negro population.

I note in your letter of February 8 that it will be possible for you to take care of travel expenses. This we appreciate. It would be helpful, though not required, if you could dig up a $25.00 stipend for the Council. I would appreciate information about the meeting place in Charleston and the actual time of the workshop as soon as possible. I approve of an informal presentation with opportunity for discussion.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

February 21, 1957

Mr. William F. Bagwell
Office of Development
Furman University
Greenville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Bagwell:

In Harold Fleming's absence I answer your letter of February 19. Mr. Fleming will probably want to add to this upon his return to the office the first week in March.

It is gratifying to find that a person in your position has taken an active interest and a leadership role in human relations activities in Greenville. I am sure you know Judge Richard Foster in that city, who was formerly the chairman of our South Carolina affiliate.

If you are considering further graduate work in the field of human relations, might I put in a plug for New York University. I did my doctoral work there after receiving my A.B. and M.A. from the University of Miami. I found the leaders at N.Y.U. sensitive to the problems of the South. You might contact Dr. Dan W. Dodson, Director, Center for Human Relations Studies, Graduate School of Education, New York University, New York, New York. Dan is a native Texas who is a twentieth century liberal and a mighty fine educator. Another chap at the Center is Dr. H. H. (Mike) Giles, another wonderful guy.

It is a little difficult to predict at this time what openings there may be a few years hence, but we and our state affiliates are often on the search for qualified staff people.

We would be glad to have you stop by our office any time you are in the Atlanta area. We will be happy to discuss with you possibilities in the field of human relations and graduate work at the various university centers.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

February 21, 1957

Dr. Louis A. Radelet
National Conference of Christians and Jews, Inc.
43 West 57th Street,
New York 19, New York

Dear Lou:

Many thanks for the note and the copies of your letters to Harold Fleming and George Mitchell. You mentioned that you have probably never met Harold. Let me say just a few words about him.

You will find that Harold Fleming is a most able professional person in the field of Human Relations. He does not believe in a one man show but prefers the team approach. He is a graduate of Harvard University, an old member of A.V.C., and a twentieth century liberal. He writes, speaks, and uses the King's English with great effectiveness. He is interested in close cooperation with other national agencies. Under his leadership those of us who are associated with SRC believe that we will far exceed our past performance. He is a native born Georgian who thinks like a world citizen. The entire staff and Board are well pleased with his selection as Executive Director. As two of my good friends, I am sure you will grow to know, respect, and care for each other.

Best personal regards.

Warmly,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

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February 21, 1957

Rev. Robert E. Hughes
Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Room 1218 Comer Building
Birmingham 3, Alabama

Dear Bob:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter received from Grover Hall which is self-explanatory.

We wonder if you would search your clip file and send us any clips which would substantiate Paul's thesis.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:mm
Enclosure

February 21, 1957

Mr. Harry L. Golden
The Carolina Israelite
P. O. Box 2505
Charlotte 1, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

We have just received your letter with the enclosed program of the interracial institute at Kinston and it is a mighty impressive thing. It is amazing that it was possible to get the mayor and other key people to attend and participate in the conference.

We are still receiving chuckles from the field from people who have read "The Golden Vertical Plan," which we reprinted in November's New South.

Warm personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

Same letter to : Miss Helen Flack
Community Division
Miss Simons (Savilla)

February 21, 1957

Miss Edith Lerrigo
Young Women's Christian Association
College and University Division
600 Lexington Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Miss Lerrigo:

At the suggestion of Mrs. Grace Hamilton, we are enclosing a copy of the summary conclusions of the recent Atlanta University meeting. Those agencies participating in this meeting are listed in the report.

If there is any supplementary information which would be of interest, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

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Encl.

February 21, 1957

Mr. Paul R. Christopher
Director - AFL-CIO Region 8
216 Flatiron Building
705 Broadway, N.E.
Knoxville, 17, Tennessee

Dear Paul:

I certainly hope you can attend our Atlanta conference, the announcement of which I sent you yesterday.

Would you contact Dial Murphy, O.C.A.W., in Room 219-220 Flatiron Building to urge him to attend and let him know that you work with SRC. He will have received an announcement of the conference.

Fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

February 21, 1957

Mr. Kenneth Petersen
Legislative Director
I.U.E.
1226 - 16th Street, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Ken:

Thanks so much for the list of Southern I.U.E. staff.

I look forward to seeing you at the Atlanta Conference. Will you let me or Ben Segal know the I.U.E. staff men from the south that you would most like to have invited to the Conference?

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

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cc: Mr. Ben Segal

February 21, 1957

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Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

In Mr. Fleming's absence, and upon instruction from Mr. Anthony, I send you the enclosed draft of a letter to Board members for your approval and/or corrections, and for your signature. We will, of course, sign them for you upon receipt of your permission to do so.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth A. Brantley
Secretary

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Encl.

DRAFT

Dear ____________:

As one who has been closely associated with the work of the Southern Regional Council, you have already been sent a copy of the enclosed letter announcing the creation of the Council's George S. Mitchell Tribute Fund. I hope you will agree that this is a fitting way for all of us to give recognition to Dr. Mitchell's dedication and achievements.

Will you consider what persons of your acquaintance, not likely to be on the mailing list of New South, should receive a copy of this announcement? Naturally, we want to reach all of those persons who should know of this opportunity.

If you will send such names as occur to you to me, c/o the Council's office in Atlanta, I shall appreciate it.

Sincerely,

Marion A. Wright
President

Encl.

Sent AIR MAIL
Mailed 2/21/57 to:

Mrs. D. S. Wheatley - Miss.
John H. Marion - Virginia
Edwin G. Kloppe - Texas
Walter Sharp - Tennessee
Mrs. E. H. Spearman - South Carolina
Harry S. Jones - North Carolina
Milton C. Vigo - Louisiana
Galen A. Martin - Kentucky
Mozell C. Hill - Georgia
Guy H. Wells - Georgia
William K. Williams - Florida
Nat Griswold - Arkansas
Robert E. Hughes - Alabama

John Hope
C. H. Parrish

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~~GEORGE S. MITCHELL~~
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

February 21, 1957

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

MEMORANDUM

TO: DIRECTORS OF STATE AFFILIATES

FROM: HAROLD C. FLEMING, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

This is to let you know of two developments affecting the state affiliates.

1. For some time we have been wanting to bring together the state staff people for a two-day conference in Atlanta, so that we may discuss our common problems, hopes, and plans. Various state directors have expressed to us the hope that this could be done. I am glad to be able to announce that we are making plans for such a get-together and that sufficient funds are in hand for SRC to bear the travel cost and other expenses of state staffers. You will be hearing soon from Fred Routh about the details of time, place, and agenda.

2. SRC has been urged by various people, including leadership of several state affiliates, to provide for contributions to the SRC in honor of Dr. Mitchell. Enclosed is a letter of announcement which we plan to circulate widely. In order to reach persons who should know of this Fund, we propose to send the announcement to the entire New South mailing list. As you will see, the letter makes clear that this is not intended as a fund-raising campaign in competition with other requests for contributions by the state organization or SRC. However, since the announcement will be received by your membership, we wanted you to have a chance to review it ahead of time. If you have serious reservations or objections to our mailing the enclosed to the New South list for your state, please let us know at once so that we may consider the matter further. Needless to say, the announcement will also be sent to many people, within and outside the South, who are not formally identified with SRC and its affiliates. If you have suggestions for wider distribution of this kind, we will greatly appreciate your passing them on to us.

I am looking forward to our getting together at an early date. Meanwhile, kindest regards.

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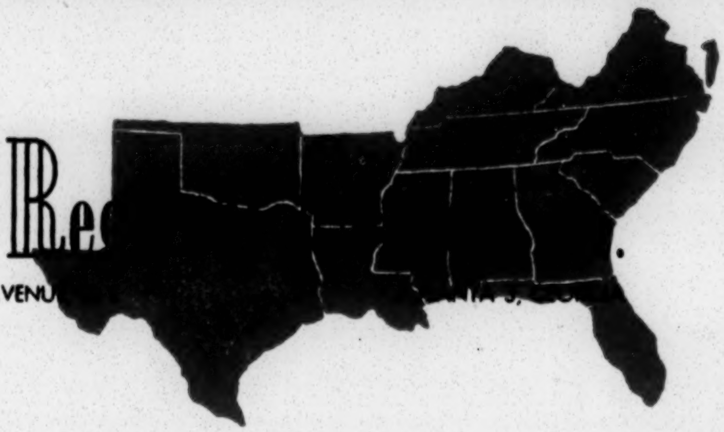
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

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Dear Friend:

The occasion for this letter is the retirement of Dr. George S. Mitchell after ten years of outstanding leadership of the Southern Regional Council. For years to come, the South and the Nation will be discovering the full measure of his stature and his contribution to human progress in our time.

A number of individuals and groups have asked that some provision be made for tangible expressions of admiration and respect for Dr. Mitchell. In response to these requests, we are taking this means to announce the establishment of the GEORGE S. MITCHELL TRIBUTE FUND.

The creation of this special fund is not intended to conflict with other requests for assistance to this work in the Southern states. It is meant to provide an opportunity for those who wish to give recognition in this manner to Dr. Mitchell's devoted services. We could think of nothing more appropriate than a fund which would strengthen and sustain the work to which he gave himself with such dedication.

Contributions to this fund will ultimately be merged with the general operating funds of the Southern Regional Council. The names of the donors, however, will be permanently preserved in the annals of the Council and will be suitably recorded on a scroll for presentation to Dr. Mitchell.

The officers and staff of the Council have pledged themselves to continue the work of the organization by the high standards set by Dr. Mitchell. The special fund established in his name will do much to make this possible.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

M. A. Wright
President

Rufus E. Clement
Chairman, Executive Committee

February 21, 1957

Dr. Robert E. Williams
Chairman, Division of Education and Psychology
Morris Brown College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Williams:

It was good to meet you at the Hungry Club on Wednesday; thanks for putting Mrs. Hardy in touch with me.

Enclosed is a general statement of the work of the Council which will give you some idea as to present activities and plans. I'm also enclosing a brief description of our staff members and staff organization. Aside from the central office we have affiliate organizations in each of the Southern states.

I look forward to seeing you again.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

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Enclosures

The South of Promise
Organization Chart
Staff Descriptions

February 21, 1957

Mr. Herbert Hill
Labor Secretary, NAACP
20 West 40th Street
New York 18, New York

Dear Herb:

It was good to see you in Atlanta the other day. I understand that the local NAACP branch announced the opening up of Lockheed and the need for applicants.

Almost accidentally I have the name of an applicant for a secretarial job:

Mrs. Hazel A. Hardy
650 Simpson Street, N.W., #5
Atlanta, Georgia.

She has 15 years of secretarial experience, is personable, and remembers her last speed test as follows: typing - 83.6; shorthand - 76.8. She was approached by Dr. Robert E. Williams at the Hungry Club yesterday after I had had conversation with him. Dr. Williams is Chairman of the Division of Education and Psychology at Morris Brown College. He indicated that he could produce a number of competent applicants for secretarial positions.

Thought I would pass this on to you directly; you can let me know about a local channel for such information. I'm presuming that Local 2016 officials may not want to get involved in the clerical end of the move.

With personal best wishes.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

February 22, 1957

Mr. Patrick Murphy Malin
Executive Director
American Civil Liberties Union
170 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Malin:

The meeting of the Church women leaders of the State of Georgia will be in the Ladies Parlor of the Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, 63 Auburn Avenue. This is the same building in which we have our office and near the center of town.

The Alabama meeting will be on March 5th. Just where, I do not know right now.

I am glad you are to be with us. You will find some of the many problems we face, and the courageous effort the women of the South make in facing these difficulties.

Looking forward to having you with us, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

MET:fc

February 22, 1957

Mrs. C. E. Biggerstaff
4906 Adanson Street
Orlando, Florida

Dear Mrs. Biggerstaff:

I regret that I had to leave before the Workshop was over. I came home without the notes of the two recorders -- in fact, with nothing except a copy of "How to Run Away From A Problem", and the slips on which the women stated what they would do next week. If I can get the Reporters' notes of some of the speeches, and your mailing list, I will be glad to make up your gleanings for you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

MET:fc

February 22, 1957

Miss Thelma Stevens
Secretary of Christian Social Relations
Bd. of Missions of the Methodist Church
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Miss Stevens:

We are sending, under separate cover, some sample publications that the Southern Regional Council publishes and/or distributes. These are being sent at the suggestion of Mrs. M. E. Tilly in the hope that you might give us some suggestions as to how they might be used in summer religious Workshops and camps. The price of each pamphlet is written on the front cover. Included is mimeographed material, which we would bring up to date just before mailing the material.

We wonder if you would select a number of pamphlets which you think might sell in one packet. You could choose any or all of the pamphlets enclosed. Price of the packet would be the tdals of each individual pamphlet. The sample copy of New South enclosed is not necessarily the one that you would receive in any packets we got together, but would probably be one of the latest and would certainly be one that we think might suit your program.

Any suggestions you might give us in this matter will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:fc

February 22, 1957

Miss Lillian A. Johnson
Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild
Bd. of Missions of the Methodist Church
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Miss Johnson:

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Any suggestions you might give us in this matter will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

John Constable,
Diredtor of Information

JC:fc

February 22, 1957

Mr. Galen A. Martin
Executive Director
Kentucky Council on Human Relations
208 West Main Street
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Galen:

Enclosed is a letter being sent to some selected union guys. If you have suggestions of staffers to invite from Kentucky I would like to have them.

The conference is off-the-record. I should invite the men from here directly giving some attention to necessary protocal. I would appreciate the names, affiliation, position, and address of persons whom you feel would contribute to and profit from such a meeting.

Thanks. With best personal wishes.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

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Enclosure

February 22, 1957

Miss Elizabeth Stinson
Secretary of Missionary Education
Bd. of Missions of the Methodist Church
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Miss Stinson:

At the suggestion of Mrs. M. E. Tilly, we are sending you, under separate cover, some sample publications that the Southern Regional Council publishes and/or distributes. These are sent with the hope that you might give us some suggestions as to how they could be used in summer religious workshops and camps.

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We would greatly appreciate any suggestions you might give us in this matter.

Sincerely,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:fc

February 25, 1957

Mrs. E. Carol Klose
1893 N. W. 81st Street
Miami, Florida

Dear "Mom" Klose:

Well, bless your pea-picking little heart, as Tennessee Ernie Ford might say, first of all because you won the American Traditions Award and secondly because you designated SRC as the recipient of an equal amount. To make you happy, we are going to split the $416.66 with the Florida Council, so tell Bill that he has $208.33 coming his way as soon as we get the check.

How wonderful it must be to be back in Miami again. I know you will miss Daytona and Ormond Beach, but fortunately Bill and family will be moving back to Miami with the Florida Council office.

Ruth Alexander sends you her best regards, and when she heard what you had done, she said, "Golly, what a wonderful person."

Best regards to you and the family.

Warmly,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

February 25, 1957

Mrs. Setsuko Matsunaga Nishi
National Council of the Churches of Christ
in the U.S.A.
Bureau of Research and Survey
297 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mrs. Nishi:

In Mr. Fleming's letter to you of February 20th, item two contains an error of transcription. The sentence beginning "Our aim is to collect and designate. . . ." should read, "Our aim is to collect and disseminate. . . ."

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Brantley
Secretary

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February 20, 1957

Mrs. Setsuko Matsunaga Nishi
National Council of the Churches of Christ
in the U.S.A.
Bureau of Research and Survey
297 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mrs. Nishi:

Here, somewhat belatedly, is the information which you requested in your letter of February 7th:

1. We are very much interested in research related to the desegregation program.

2. Our interest is expressed in dissemination about and, to some extent, in the stimulation of such research. On very rare occasions, the Council itself has undertaken projects which might be dignified with the label "research." Generally speaking, however, what we do is more properly called fact-finding. Our aim is to collect and designate such systematic facts as will assist action agencies in human relations fields, or will have a wholesome effect on public understanding of race relations.

3. We have two professional staff persons who are directly concerned with the collection and dissemination of information. Our research assistant is responsible for conducting organization surveys and for the maintenance of clippings, reference, and materials files. Our Director of Information is responsible for the preparation and dissemination of material to the mass media, other agencies, and key individuals in the South and elsewhere. Other members of the staff are, from time to time, also concerned with these and related activities.

4. We are, of course, deeply interested in the role of the churches and religion in the South's racial development. But generally our interest is expressed through cooperative working relationships with the social action arms of the various denominations and other religious groups. We have published some round-ups of official pronouncements by religious bodies and statements by individual religious leaders.

5. I am sure that the persons and organizations we might suggest are well-known to the National Council.

I hope you will keep us informed of your very useful study, and that you will let us know if at any time we can be helpful.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Dictated/signed in absence

February 25, 1957

Mrs. Ben Russell
824 Tusculum Boulevard
Greeneville, Tennessee

Dear Jean:

How good it was to see you here in Atlanta. I have just received a note from Ben Sissel, enclosed with which was a letter to you about Charlottesville.

Certainly you are welcome, in fact, needed, so come on!

Best wishes.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

cc: Mr. H. B. Sissel

February 25, 1957

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
American Association for the United Nations, Inc.
345 East 46th Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Thank you for your letter of February 20, with the generous offer of $100.00. Certainly it will help, for our budget is filled out by donations from individuals, the majority of whom give $100.00 or less.

You also have our thanks for the names of Mrs. David Levy and Mrs. Albert Lasker of New York City. We will write them in the next day or so but, of course, will not use your name.

I imagine you have heard of the foolish actions of our state legislature here in Georgia, passing legislation seeking the impeachment of six members of the U.S. Supreme Court. At first this greatly distressed me, but the more I thought of it, the better I felt. It certainly won't get any place in the House of Representatives and it will put the rest of the nation on notice as to the level of the opposition.

Once more, thank you for your interest and generosity.

With every good wish,

Respectfully,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

P.S. Contributions to SRC are tax exempt.

February 25, 1957

Mr. S. Jarvin Levison
Haas, Holland & Blackshear
First National Bank Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Levison:

Thank you for your letter of February 21 and your helpful and constructive comments on the application for tax exemption by the Kentucky Council. I am rushing it post haste to Galen Martin.

Thank you for your consideration.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

February 25, 1957

Mr. Roy McCorkel
The National Conference of Christians & Jews
43 West 57th Street
New York 19, New York

Dear Roy:

Many thanks for the copy of the minutes of the January 28th meeting regarding clergy workshops. This is a fine summary of the meeting and you are to be congratulated for having a gal like Mary Howard to produce it. I will write you more extensively in the future and seek to answer some of the questions you raised.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

February 25, 1957

Mr. H. B. Sissel
The Board of Christian Education of the
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.
Department of Social Education and Action
830 Witherspoon Building
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Ben:

Received your letter of February 21st and concur that Mrs. Russell would be a valuable addition to our staff group in Virginia. Enclosed is a copy of a letter I have just sent her.

Best wishes.

Warmly,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm
Enclosure

February 26, 1957

Mr. Harry S. Jones
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
Room 209
121 East Third Street
Charlotte, N. C.

Dear Harry:

Here is a letter to Ray Wheeler and a check to the North Carolina Council for $350.00.

Good luck on the remainder of your fund raising campaign.

Best regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm
Enc.

February 26, 1957

Mr. Will Campbell
National Council of Churches
1716 West End Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Will:

Thanks for your letter of the 21st with all the interesting information contained therein. Regarding your request to reproduce our chronology on Koinonia, feel free, but we raise this question with you - would it be better to use SRC or the National Council as the source, considering it is to go to ministers and ministerial associations? We would be perfectly happy if you used SRC as a source, but just raised the previous question. Enclosed is a corrected and added to version which is more up-to-date and accurate than the previous one.

Will, all of your suggested changes except one are good. We would hesitate to put the quotation from the paragraph dated April, 1956 ("Governor Griffin had called the sheriff of Sumter Co. asking who Jordan was.") in italics. Otherwise, fine.

As to reproducing the Henderson Pastors' Diary from New South, feel free. You do not have to get clearance from the Christian Century.

I look forward to seeing you in Charlottesville.

Best regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm
Enclosure

February 26, 1957

Miss Helen Fuller
Managing Editor
NEW REPUBLIC
1244 19th Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Miss Fuller:

I am enclosing copies of the segregation measures enacted by the Georgia General Assembly. Other segregation measures were proposed, but were not passed. These included proposals for a probe of the NAACP, establishment of a fund to aid Negroes to migrate, and a ban on interracial sport and social activities. It is expected that House Bills No. 475 and 8-7a will curb the NAACP. A local newspaper quoted one legislator who said House Bill No. 345 would restrict the authority of Negro M.P's.

If you desire additional information on Georgia's segregation measures, please contact us.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

February 26, 1957

Dr. John Lawson
Candler School of Theology
Emory University
Emory University, Georgia

Dear Dr. Lawson:

Thank you for your kind letter of the 20th.

In regard to possible employment for your sister, I am not in a position to make final judgment on this matter. It would be a real pleasure to have Miss Lawson with her talents and experiences associated with the Council and it is possible that some arrangement can be made along these lines. At this point, however, SRC has a number of difficulties, including the ever-present problem of insufficient funds. This condition may be more acute in September or it may have little effect on our staff planning. The nature of our personnel and programing makes it extremely difficult to project personnel needs through September and I hesitate to either encourage or discourage the possibilities of employment at that time.

Unquestionably we would find Miss Lawson to be a valuable addition to the staff and I regret that an immediate and positive answer is not possible.

Your letter will be called to the attention of Mr. Harold Fleming, our Executive Director, on his return to the office March 4th. You will hear from him further, especially in relation to any help we may be able to offer in regard to Miss Lawson's visa.

Warmest regards,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/eab

February 26, 1957

Additional Letters of invitation to labor conference mailed to:

Howard D. Walton, President, Florida State IUC, Miami

E. H. Williams, Director, AFL-CIO Region 7, New Orleans

Oliver Singleton, Acting Director, AFL-CIO Region 4, Baltimore

Larry Rogin, TWUA, Charlotte

Wilbur Hobby, Editor, Durham Labor Journal, Durham

E. R. Williamson, COPE Regional Director, Durham

Jackson Curry, AFHW, Greensboro

February 19, 1957

Mr. Dial Murphy
Regional Director, District 9
Oil, Chemical, and Atomic Workers International Union
219-220 Flat Iron Building
1705 Broadway, N.E.
Knoxville 17, Tennessee

Dear Brother Murphy:

This is to invite you to participate in a working conference on the problems faced by unions in matters related to race relations. Selected union leaders in the South will meet together to discuss freely the nature of the problems faced, useful techniques, and to give and receive helpful background information.

The conference will be sponsored by the Southern Regional Council; the sessions will be held in the conference room at Atlanta University on the afternoon of Wednesday, March 13th, and during the day Thursday, March 14th.

We have felt for some time that there have been too few occasions for Southern union leadership to discuss racial problems fully and frankly. Many unionists have indicated to us that they would welcome such an opportunity. The conference is intended to meet this need.

During the conference Harold Fleming, Director of the Council, will lead a discussion of the general picture in the South today. A report will be made on the activities of White Citizens' Councils and other hate groups in their attempts to influence unions, and we will receive information on race relations patterns in Southern unions. Some time will be spent discussing the availability and uses of the Southern Regional Council's labor consultant in working with unions in the South. A major portion of the conference, however, will be reserved for open discussion.

We are inviting those persons whom we know to have an interest in race relations problems as they affect unions, who in many instances have had long experience in meeting them, or those who know that they seem will be faced with new situations and wish to explore the most constructive ways to meet them. For the most part those attending the conference will be persons who bear regional responsibility in their international union plus other key staff persons.

The conference will be completely off-the-record and unattended by any publicity. This is strictly a work session for the information and practical aid of us all.

Please return the enclosed card, indicating whether or not you will be able to attend, if you need overnight accomodations, and which meals you will eat with the conference group. Overnight accomodations plus three meals will cost approximately $6.00. This amount, or that portion due by your participation, may be paid when you register at Atlanta University. I hope you will plan to attend all sessions of the conference for maximum benefit to the whole group.

Our accomodations are limited, but we would be glad to hear from you about other union staff men whom you feel should attend these sessions.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

Enclosures

Letter of invitation to working conference on union matters related to race relations, March 13th and 14th, Atlanta University, sent to the following February 19th:

Charles H. Gillman, Director, AFL-CIO Region 6

George Gill, Director, District 3, CWA

Earl Henderson, UAW Employment Practices Representative

Carey E. Haigler, Director AFL-CIO Region 5

Paul R. Christopher, Director, AFL-CIO Region 8

Nick Bonano, ILGWU, Atlanta

Al Kehrer, Regional Director, ILGWU, Atlanta

Eric Polisar, ACWA, Atlanta

Ray Nixon, URWA, Atlanta

Lorne H. Nelles, Director, District 35, USWA

John Bateman, Assistant Regional Director, UAW, Atlanta

Dial Murphy, Regional Director, District 9, OCAW, AFL-CIO

E. C. Pippin, Alabama Legislative Representative, AFL-CIO

Jarvis Baughman, IWWA, Atlanta

Joe Jacobs, UTWA, Atlanta

W. T. Archer, LWIU, Atlanta

All sessions:

Conference Room
Atlanta University
223 Chestnut Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dormitory accomodations:

Atlanta University Dormitory
50 Chestnut Street

The schedule of meetings is as follows:

Wednesday, March 13, 1957

4:30 P.M. - General Orientation Session

6:00 P.M. - Dinner

7:30 P.M. - Discussion of "The South: Problems and Prospects," led by Harold C. Fleming, Director of Southern Regional Council

Thursday, March 14, 1957

7:30 A.M. - Breakfast

9:00 A.M. - General Session - Discussion of "Hate Groups - Race Relations Patterns in Southern Unions," Emory F. Via

12:30 P.M. - Lunch

1:30 P.M. - General Session

Summary of Conference: Ben Segal, Trade Union Consultant, Fund for the Republic

4:30 P.M. - Close of Conference

P.S. to E. C. Pippin, February 19, 1957 letter of invitation to labor-race relations meeting.

P.S. I do hope that you can make these sessions; we would be particularly happy to have your participation both because of your present position and because of your work with the Alabama Council on Human Relations. We would welcome your personal contributions to this program.

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February 26, 1957

Mr. Caxton Doggett
376 N. E. 90th Street
Miami, Florida

Dear Cax:

We have received your letter of February 21 and in Harold Fleming's absence I answer it. We have checked with our legal council and we could accept the check for $416.00 from Malcolm Ross, but we would have to pay it back to the Florida Council. In Mike's letter to us he could stipulate to the Florida Council, "For use in the Dade County area." I believe this would meet your needs.

Best regards.

Cordially yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

February 26, 1957

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, S. C.

Dear Alice:

I write in Harold's absence. Your letter of February 21 with the confidential quote from Mr. Wright has been received and studied here. I am enclosing on a confidential basis a copy of the letter I sent Mr. Wright. Harold may well want to discuss this further with you upon his return.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

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February 26, 1957

Mr. Milton Vigo
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

Thank you for your letter of February 25 with the notice that a quorum of your board had approved by mail ballot the proposed provisional status for the Louisiana Council. Please notify us of the final tally.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

February 27, 1957

Mr. Paul Christopher
216 Flatiron Building
705 Broadway, N.E.
Knoxville 17, Tennessee

Dear Paul:

Thanks for your long letter regarding the conference. As you know, we are not attempting to make this an official conference. For that reason the AFL-CIO departments are not formally involved; however, the Civil Rights Department knows what is going on and is interested in the affair. Perhaps we have slipped on the matter of clearing with Livingston so that regional directors can attend. I am sending a copy of this letter, and yours, to Ben Segal.

The March 13th and 14th dates still stand. It was largely at your urging that we did decide on a two-day conference. I do hope that you will be able to be with us on the 14th. We did check around on dates, Paul, but this is a difficult job, as you well know. I may be personally at fault in your case by thinking that you had given off-the-cuff approval to two sets of dates that I had suggested.

You may be interested to know some of the unions that plan to be represented. They include: UAW, ILGWU, IUE, Steel, Rubber, State-County-Municipal, Porters, and others that we definitely expect but have not had their official reply as yet.

Thanks so much for your contribution to the Council; we continue to need the active support of the Executive Committee in substantive and fiscal matters. Your own concern and energy are greatly appreciated by all of us here. Your official receipt is enclosed.

Perhaps you would like this contribution counted as a part of the George S. Mitchell Tribute Fund (announcement enclosed). You would soon have received an announcement in any case.

If you have suggestions of others who should receive the G.S.M. Fund letter I would be glad to have them; we can check them against our other mailings in case you have any doubts.

Again my thanks.

Fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Ben Segal

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MRS. CANDLER TATUM
2422 15TH AVENUE SOUTH
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

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MRS. M. E. TILLY

February 27, 1957

Dr. William Lloyd Imes
Visiting Dean of Chapel
The Fisk Union Church
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Imes:

As announced in the enclosed letter, the Southern Regional Council has established the George S. Mitchell Tribute Fund. Your recent and generous contribution to the Council has been entered in our records as a contribution to that fund by the Fisk Union Church.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/eab
Encl.

Same letter to: William H. Frey
Rev. J. Carson Pritchard
J. S. Dudley

February 27, 1957

Mr. August B. Meyer
250 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Meyer:

As announced in the enclosed letter, the Southern Regional Council has established the George S. Mitchell Tribute Fund. Your recent and generous contribution to the Council has been entered in our records as your contribution to that fund.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/eab
Encl.

February 27, 1957

Miss Anna Lord Strauss
27 East 69th Street
New York 21, New York

Dear Miss Strauss:

I write you in Harold Fleming's absence. How wonderfully generous it was of you to contribute seven shares of Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company common stock to the Southern Regional Council. We have just received notice of this from Mr. Frank Leighton of J. & W. Seligman & Company. We will write them shortly about the sale of the stock.

Your contribution is of particular importance at the present time for, as you can well imagine, this is not the most popular type of work in the South; yet it is work which must be done if we are to have a more democratic society. You have contributed to the growth of such a society.

Respectfully,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

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P.S. We will send you an official receipt upon the sale of the stock.

February 27, 1957

Mr. Paul Christopher
216 Flatiron Building
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Paul:

I write you in Harold Fleming's absence. A million thanks for your contribution of $25.00 to SRC via Via. It is the continuing devotion of our Executive Committee and Board members that means so much to the staff.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

February 27, 1957

Mr. Hollis Rinehart
The Ingrahm Building
Miami, Florida

Dear Hollis:

Enclosed is a copy of a protest which has had wide circulation among the colleges and universities of the country. I do not know what the facts on the situation are, but I do know that it is giving Florida a very poor reputation. I believe it would be only fair for the State Board of Control or someone outside of F.S.U.'s administration to look into the matter and either correct the wrong if one has been committed, or correct the wrong impression if none has been committed.

I still have a close tie with my home state and do not want to see its good name besmirched. I know that you have done much to help keep the state in the "decent" column.

Continued luck on the Dade County Council and best personal wishes.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

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Enclosure

P.S. Excuse the strange reproduction, but on the original there was scotch tape over the first section, which wouldn't work in our reproducer and I didn't want to overburden my good secretary by having her type the whole thing.

February 27, 1957

Mr. Ben Segal
Trade Union Consultant
Fund for the Republic
1820 Jefferson Place, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ben:

The enclosed letters are perhaps self-explanatory. I take it Paul will be with us for the 14th if he can get clearance in spite of his opening paragraph.

Unfortunately Gillman and Haigler cannot attend; I have not followed up about staff men from their offices.

As of now we have a total of nine coming; this includes your names also. They are: James Hardin (UAW), Kehrer and Bonanno (ILGWU), Ken Petersen, Bill Oliver, Jim Turner, Francis Shane, B. F. McLaurin (Porters), and probably Dial Murphy (Oil). Obviously I have to stir around down here.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

Enclosures

February 27, 1957

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

We have received from Marion Wright your donation of $25.00 to the George S. Mitchell Tribute Fund.

A million thanks for your generosity, and believe me, $25.00 is a real help at this particular time.

Best personal regards.

Warmly,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

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Enclosure

February 27, 1957

Mrs. Marion R. Ascoli
Marion R. Ascoli Fund
100 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Marion Ascoli:

I write you in Harold Fleming's absence, though I understand he has talked with you since we received your most generous gift to the Southern Regional Council.

The contribution of the Marion R. Ascoli Fund is of great help to the Southern Regional Council, particularly at the present time.

I recall with pleasure knowing you when you were on the board of the Center for Human Relations Studies at New York University. I served as Mike Giles' administrative assistant in those days.

Once more, thanks for your generosity.

Very sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

Enclosure

February 27, 1957

Mr. J. M. Dabbs
Rip Raps Plantation
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

I write you in Harold Fleming's absence. Your generosity overwhelms us. I believe this is a great demonstration of your faith in SRC. We will consider this a donation to the George S. Mitchell Tribute Fund and your name will be entered on a scroll for presentation to GSM. The funds will go to the general budget of the Council.

Best personal regards to you and Mrs. Dabbs.

Warmly,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

Enclosure

February 28, 1957

Mr. Jack Sessions
ILGWU Training Institute
1710 Broadway
New York, New York

Dear Jack:

The enclosed pieces on the AFSC work-study projects and intern-in-industry program will give you some background information.

I understand that Thelma How is away from the Philadelphia office for some time with a broken hip. I believe Mike Yarrow would be your contact. Also you should see the director of the College Program who is George Molenoff (sp.?).

It was good to see you in New York. With personal good wishes.

Fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

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February 28, 1957

Rev. Charles Jones
P. O. Box L
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Charlie Jones:

It has been a very long time since we met. I'm happy to hear from Ben Segal that you will be with us for our Labor Conference on March 13th and 14th.

Enclosed is a copy of our informal schedule and a card which will help us make reservations for you.

I look forward to seeing you again.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

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Enclosures

March 1, 1957

Mr. Arthur J. Levin
Anti-Defamation League
41 Exchange Place, S.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Art:

The enclosed sheet indicates the amount of insurance desired by Koinonia Farm in order to comply with the condition in their mortgage agreement with John Hancock Insurance Company.

The amounts in parenthesis indicate the material cost of the dwellings with no allowance for labor cost.

Most of the recent insurance was secured through T. M. Alexander of Atlanta.

I think that you understand that they are not attempting to insure all of their property, nor for the full amount. Primarily they are interested in getting at least ten thousand dollars worth of insurance.

Anything that you could do would be most appreciated by all concerned.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm
Enclosure

March 1, 1957

Memo to: ~~Harold C. Fleming~~ John Constable

From: Emory Via

Would it be a good idea to ask one of the Methodist type contributors (organisational) to SRC, who can say that they know us and contribute to us, to suggest to the Board of Foreign Missions that certain pamphlets and materials from SRC would be available for mailing to missionaries at actual cost, or less, plus postage? Or we could send materials bulk to the agency for their mailing.

We have had a request, already filled, from a Methodist missionary in Japan. It read in part, "I'm not sure if I remember exactly what the Southern Regional Council is; but if they or anyone else that you know of publishes some facts on progress made in race relations in the South I'd like some. It's a burning problem here and a stumbling block for many. If so-called Christians can be like many of the South's whites, these freedom seeking people want no part of it. The newspapers give only bad reports - never any facts of progress."

The missionary writing is originally from the South.

March 1, 1957

Mr. James B. Carey, President
International Union of Electrical Workers
1126 - 16th Street, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Brother Carey:

The enclosed letter is to inform you of a work conference called by the Southern Regional Council to afford an opportunity for selected Southern unionists to discuss some aspects of race relations as related to unions.

We are carefully protecting this meeting from any publicity in the interest of getting as full exploration of the problems involved as is possible. In any case we would not consider this meeting's nor the Council's role as one of making any pronouncement.

I wanted you personally, and as Chairman of the AFL-CIO Civil Rights Committee, to know that the conference was being held. If you would like to designate someone from the Committee to attend these sessions we would be glad to have him. The AFL-CIO Civil Rights Department knows that the meeting is being held and understands that we are not attempting to make this an official nor formal meeting in any way.

It is my understanding that Ken Petersen of the I.U.E. staff will be with us for the meeting.

Since Ben Segal, Trade Union Consultant for the Fund for the Republic, has worked closely with me in this program, I am taking the liberty of sending him a copy of this letter.

Fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

cc: Mr. Ben Segal

Separate cover:
February, '57 N.S.
September '56 N.S.
Integration, N & S
Public Affairs Pamphlet
Changing Patterns
Koinonia Release
21 cities release (Jan. issue N.S.)
Thermo-fax copy of NYT article on resistance groups 12/2/56

March 1, 1957

The Robert Marshall Civil Liberties Trust
521 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Sirs:

Yesterday I had an opportunity to discuss the activities of the Southern Regional Council with Mr. Roger Baldwin and he suggested that I write you promptly.

I very much hope that in planning its future program the Robert Marshall Trust will provide for inquiry into the work of the Council and consideration of assistance to us. As preliminary background, I am enclosing some material which briefly describes the Council's program and am sending separately several publications which illustrate its approach.

We will, of course, submit more detailed information as soon as it is convenient for the Trust to entertain a formal request.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

Encl. "The South of Promise"
"Toward the South of the Future"
Mimeographed history of SRC

Dictated by phone/

March 1, 1957

Mrs. Carl C. Willard
234 Waverly Way
Burlington, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Willard:

Under separate cover we have sent you two pamphlets, "What's Happening in School integration" and "Fear and Prejudice." The book, *Prejudice and Your Child*, by Kenneth Clark, is probably in the local library and would be a good resource book for course leaders.

The Anti-Defamation League distributes materials which are very useful in teaching human relations to children. Announcements of their materials have also been mailed to you.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

March 1, 1957

Miss Jean Dulin
364 Payne Drive
Miami Springs, Florida

Dear Miss Dulin:

We do not have any current literature on Negro housing which we can distribute. I have sent you three publications which are somewhat dated, but which may provide you with background material.

There are a number of organizations working toward the elimination of discrimination in housing or issuing reports on housing. Please write to the following for current reports.

Commission on Race and Housing
2180 Milvia Street
Berkeley 4, California

Anti-Defamation League
518 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

National Community Relations Advisory Council
9 East 38th Street
New York 16, New York

National Committee Against Discrimination in Housing
35 West 32nd Street
New York 1, New York

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

The pamphlets sent were paid for by John Constable

March 1, 1957

Rev. Robert D. Foster
North Long Beach Methodist Church
5600 Linden Avenue
Long Beach 5, Calif.

Dear Bob:

It was pleasant hearing from you again, especially since I expect you are rather busy there in California. As usual, your letter was most interesting; and I do appreciate your remarks concerning New South.

Recently there have been some changes here at the Council with Harold Fleming assuming the Directorship. As you can see from the signature, I also have a new position. However, I am still doing New South.

I am sending the Library the New South, as I would not want you to give up your subscription. I deem you one of our better subscribers. I appreciate your help in acquainting people in that area about the publication.

Your news concerning the integrated Churches was very interesting. It seems that most every place except the South is doing a great deal concerning this phase of desegregation. I am sending under separate cover a copy of "Integration North and South" which the Council staff helped compile. Also included are two other pamphlets which might interest you.

Please let me hear from you again soon.

Sincerely,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:fc

March 1, 1957

Mr. Max K. Gilstrap
Central News Bureau
Christian Science Monitor
333 N. Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Max:

The February 25th article in the *Christian Science Monitor* was excellent. I have not seen any subsequent articles, but I plan to go by one of the reading rooms and see if any additional ones have come out. As yet, we are not receiving the *Monitor*.

Since the article was published on Monday we have received several requests for the publication you mentioned, which of course is pleasing.

Harold is out of town and has not yet seen your article but I have put a copy on his desk.

Again, thanks.

Sincerely,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:fc

March 1, 1957

Mr. Joseph H. Baird
News Editor
Dekalb New Era
P. O. Box 411
Decatur, Georgia

Dear Mr. Baird:

Your February 25th article on Koinonia is excellent, and we do appreciate the coverage you gave the situation.

From the article I presume you talked with Mr. Williams since it included things which were not in our memo.

Again, thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:fc

March 4, 1957

Mr. Norman Long
Koinonia Farm
Route 2
Americus, Georgia

Dear Norman:

Thanks for the note and news release. It got good radio and press coverage.

We have made first steps again on insurance.

The Addressograph repairs will be absorbed by the Atlanta Friends Meeting; hopefully, you will have it next week-end.

The long memorandum from Bill and Nita Hinley in Chicago was mostly good and helpful. Confusingly, they lumped SRC and AFSC together; we have already had our first letter urging us to do something.

I hope you get some answer from correspondents about tampering with the mail, so there will be something to go on. I know you will move as quickly as possible on any future occurence that arouses suspicion and let Osgood know about it.

Best wishes to you and all at Koinonia.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

March 4, 1957

Mr. Tartt Bell
American Friends Service Committee
P. O. Box 1307
High Point, N. C.

Dear Tartt:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter from Mrs. Fred Cappuccino urging Southern Regional Council and American Friends Service Committee to do something about Koinonia. The impression that neither of us is concerned with this situation was given in a memorandum sent by Bill and Nita Hinley, 5615 S. Woodlawn Ave., Chicago. The Hinleys live at Quaker House in Chicago and have worked with AFSC and I do not know why they lumped AFSC and SRC together. If you have not seen their memo, perhaps you would like to write them for it. On the whole, it was a good job giving expression to a real concern. Also enclosed is a copy of my letter to Mrs. Cappuccino.

With best personal wishes.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

Enclosures

March 4, 1957

Mr. Ben Segal
Trade Union Consultant
Fund for the Republic
1820 Jefferson Place, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ben:

Here is Dixon's address and the names of the two top local leaders:

Joe Dixon, Local #4367, OCAW
311 Tatar Street
Pasedena, Texas

L. O. Black, President
John Crossland, Secretary-Treasurer.

Crossland is full-time paid local staff, an executive board member of the International, and the key man in the local.

There are two staff men in the general area. They are Forrest Craig and a fellow by the name of McClain. McClain is younger, a Southerner, and seems to be preferred by Dixon on "racial-type" matters.

I've sent the information on the conference to Charlie Jones. You have a room reserved at the Atlantan Hotel, 111 Luckie Street, for the evening of March 12th. The rates for a single run between $5.00 and $7.50 per day.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

March 4, 1957

Mr. Paul R. Christopher
AFL-CIO
Region VIII Director
216 Flatiron Building
Knoxville 17, Tennessee

Dear Paul:

Thanks for the copy of your letter to George Weaver. I took part in a workshop with him and Boyd Peyton at the recent ALES Conference in New York and had an opportunity to talk briefly with Weaver about our problems. He already had some information on the subject from Rufus Clement, whom he had recently seen. He offered to be helpful on immediate possibilities, as well as in terms of the AFL-CIO grant.

As you know, we have not yet submitted a formal request to the AFL-CIO, pending word from you about the groundwork. Should I now go ahead and submit such a request for $5,000?

I will be sending you soon another report on our current status. Meanwhile I will appreciate your giving me the word on the AFL-CIO application.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

March 4, 1957

Miss Gloria Dapper
Director of Communications
National Citizens Council for Better
Schools
Nine East Fortieth Street
New York 16, New York

Dear Miss Dapper:

Thank you for your recent letter forwarding the tentative agenda of the Round Table of National Organizations.

I will plan on taking the chartered bus from New York on the morning of the 25th, and will be expecting to hear from Don Shoemaker about the respective roles which Dr. McClurkin and I will take in the panel discussion. I will also talk with our information staff about suitable materials that we might send to you for advance distribution. I am looking forward to seeing you at Arden House.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

cc: FBR

March 4, 1957

Mr. Caxton Doggett
376 N. E. Ninetieth Street
Miami, Florida

Dear Caxton:

This is to follow up Fred's letter to you dated February 26th.

I discussed with the principals of the Fund for the Republic, including two lawyers, the propriety of our accepting and passing on the Malcolm Ross matching award to the Dade County Council. I am afraid their unanimous opinion was in the negative. The stumbling block seems to be the fact that the Dade County Council not only doesn't have tax-exemption, but has been denied tax-exemption by the Internal Revenue Service. Thus our passing on the grant would be in the nature of a clear subterfuge.

We would be both willing and able to pass the money on to the Florida Council, earmarked for use in the Miami area. But under no circumstances could the ultimate recipient of the money, either through us or through the Florida Council, be the Dade County Council on Community Relations.

I am sure you understand that this is not as I would wish it personally, but it is a simple matter of legal restrictions which we have no choice but to observe. Although the lawyers who advised you may have given another interpretation, I am bound to be guided by the opinion of those officers of the Fund with whom I have discussed the matter.

Let me know what you and Mr. Ross finally decide.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

March 4, 1957

Mr. J. R. E. Lee, Jr.
Business Manager
Florida Agricultural and Mechanical
University
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Mr. Lee:

I am happy to have an opportunity to recommend Mr. Gabriel Alexander to you.

During his employment by the Southern Regional Council Mr. Alexander carried major responsibility for fiscal analysis and budgetary matters, as well as other administrative duties. His work reflected a high degree of competence and conscientiousness. His relationships with other members of the staff were mutually cordial and cooperative. I think it is correct to say that everyone here thought of him as a friend as well as a co-worker.

In short, we recommend Mr. Alexander without reservation as to professional qualifications and personality.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

bc: GSA

March 5, 1957

Mr. Nat Griswold
Executive Director
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
211 Izard Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat Griswold:

I was pleased to see in your March Newsletter on page 3 that you have had active contact with two officials of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers and an organizer for the Furniture Workers.

It would be helpful to me to have the names of these persons, their positions, and addresses. Hopefully, we will have a chance to talk together about these contacts, the results from them, further contacts that may be needed, and some of the particular trouble spots involving unions. I am available to aid you in any way that you see fit in relating the work of the Arkansas Council to the labor movement.

I look forward to meeting you and working with your group. Don't hesitate to call on me if I can be of service even before I'm in touch with you again.

Fred Routh asks me to send you his warm regards.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV/eab

March 5, 1957

Miss Katharine Taylor
41 Hawthorne Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Katharine:

I am still immensely pleased that we were able to have that pleasant hour together in New York.

We have just received from Vernon Eagle formal notification of the grant. As a matter of information, I am enclosing copies of my two letters to Vernon Eagle. (It seems we carry on a double correspondence, one official and one informal.) Your own letter, which was here when I returned, was very thoughtful and much appreciated.

My last day in New York was, on the whole, a good one. It's still too soon to put a cash value on the trip, but today we received official word that the William C. Whitney Fund is giving us $5,000. That alone makes the day seem much brighter.

With appreciation and warm good wishes.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encls.

March 5, 1957

Mrs. Gilbert A. Harrison
3556 Macomb Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Harrison:

We have just received official notice of the generous action of the Board of the New World Foundation in approving the full amount of $20,000 requested by the Council for 1957.

While I have expressed formal acknowledgement and thanks to Vernon Eagle, I also want to send a personal word of thanks to you for this deeply appreciated support. Knowing that the Foundation acted on our request at a time when its own affairs were complicated, we are deeply conscious of what it means in terms of the Foundation's confidence in the Council and our responsibility to use the funds with the utmost effectiveness.

I don't know that I have ever written you how greatly we enjoyed Katherine Taylor's visit and how immediately and how much we liked her. She is a remarkable person and I am sure her friendship has meant a great deal to you over the years.

With appreciation and warm regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

bc: MissKatharine Taylor

March 5, 1957

Mr. Vernon A. Eagle
Executive Director
The New World Foundation
120 South LaSalle Street
Room 1865
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Vernon:

Delighted to get rid of the cumbersome formality of Mister.

Enclosed herewith is a slightly more formal acknowledgement of the grant from the New World Foundation. I know from the action of the Board, under circumstances of some difficulty, that you realize how much this assistance means to our work in the South.

It would not inconvenience the Council in any way if the payment of the funds were made in two lots, $10,000 now and the additional $10,000 in June or July. It will take us a while to find the proper person for the apprenticeship, so that $10,000 should be sufficient for both purposes until the early summer.

With appreciation and best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encl.

bc: Miss Katharine Taylor

March 5, 1957

Mr. Vernon A. Eagle
Executive Director
The New World Foundation
120 South LaSalle Street
Room 1865
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Mr. Eagle:

The Southern Regional Council acknowledges with the deepest gratitude the grant of $20,000 approved by the New World Foundation for 1957. Our official receipt will be sent to you as the funds are received.

We understand that the grant is to be applied to the consultants service program and the apprentice training program in the terms set forth by our letter of application dated February 1, 1957. We have also carefully noted the fact that this grant is not to be considered as a commitment of further support.

We will keep the Foundation appropriately informed of the progress of our work under both programs, and a complete financial report will be forthcoming at the end of our calendar year.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

March 5, 1957

Mr. Aubrey N. Brown
Editor
The Presbyterian Outlook
One North Sixth Street
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Mr. Brown:

Your letter to Dr. Mitchell arrived after he had left Atlanta and while I was out of the city. I am sorry for the delay.

I am asking our information staff to pull together some material which will contribute to the purpose you have in mind. You should receive it very shortly.

Please feel free to continue to call on us for any help that we can give the Presbyterian Outlook.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

March 5, 1957

Miss Eleanor G. Coit
Director
American Labor Education Service, Inc.
1776 Broadway
New York 19, New York

Dear Miss Coit:

Thank you for your kind letter of February 27th. I enjoyed the ALES Conference immensely. You should be feeling very good about it.

I too hope we will have an opportunity one day soon to discuss our respective programs. Meanwhile, I send you a recent report of our activities.

This morning I had occasion to talk with Ben Segal by telephone and we discussed, among other things, the question of making the tape recording available to Mr. Crossland and Mr. Dixon. While I think any of the participants would be glad to have Mr. Dixon and Mr. Crossland listen to the tape, Ben and I agreed that it probably wouldn't be wise for a copy of the tape to be in circulation, even in friendly hands. It's not that there were any startling revelations in the discussion, but simply that everybody was speaking off-the-record and unselfconsciously, and in such situations statements are sometimes made that can be used damagingly out of context if they fall into the wrong hands. I hope you will understand how sorry I am to take a negative position on this. If the participants had known that the tape might be useful for persons outside the workshop, I am sure we could have talked just as freely but with the necessary awareness of public relations factors.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encl. "South of Promise"

March 5, 1957

Mr. George K. Hunton
Catholic Interracial Council
20 Vesey Street
New York 7, New York

Dear George:

Thanks for your letter of February 23rd. I can't tell you how disappointed I was not to see you when I was in New York last week. This was a fund-raising mission and I was in the hands of the philanthropoids all of my waking hours.

I will be back in New York before too long, hopefully on a more civilized schedule, and I will look forward to the opportunity to get together with you for some good conversation.

Best regards,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

March 5, 1957

Mr. James E. Wolfe, Director
Research and Education
United Brewery Workers of America
2347 Vine Street
Cincinnati 19, Ohio

Dear Brother Wolfe:

We would like to have the names of the two Southern regional directors who plan to attend our labor conference on March 13th and 14th. Ben Segal had passed your letter of February 28th on to us.

We could send the two directors copies of the inviting letter and reservation card if you would furnish us with their addresses. This information would facilitate our arrangements. Thanks.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

March 5, 1957

Mr. Ben Segal
Trade Union Consultant
Fund for the Republic
1820 Jefferson Place, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ben:

It is my understanding that you, Many, and John Hope II have come to an agreement regarding John's use of the survey materials. He will get your copies.

There are extensive, though usually minor, copying errors in the materials. We should probably try to talk about the completeness of the survey, reporting it out, and its uses when you come to Atlanta.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

P.S. The program and announcement of the League of Women Voters had already been made up and released - Harden was out of town so I called the League direct. The enclosed clip is the result of their release.

Enclosure

March 5, 1957

Mr. Will Campbell
National Council of Churches
1716 West End Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Will:

Ed Driscol of the Georgia Council of Churches would send out about fifty of your proposed statements on Koinonia to his associational list.

If you would send him your envelopes and the statements, he would address and mail them. Of course, the Georgia Council has already acted on and publicized the situation.

Best wishes,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

March 5, 1957

Mr. Howard D. Walton
President, Florida State IUC
43 N. E. 2nd Street
Miami 32, Florida

Dear Brother~~,~~ Walton:

We have not heard from you yet regarding our labor conference dealing with race relations as they affect unions. Would you please return the enclosed card as soon as possible.

We already have an interesting group of unionists from national and Southern offices signed up for the conference. It is my hope that you will be able to attend.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

March 5, 1957

Mr. Wilbur Hobby
Editor, Durham Labor Journal
210 May Street
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Brother ~~:~~ Hobby:

We have not heard from you yet regarding our labor conference dealing with race relations as they affect unions. Would you please return the enclosed card as soon as possible.

We already have an interesting group of unionists from national and Southern offices signed up for the conference. It is my hope that you will be able to attend.

Thanks for getting me on your mailing list. Already I want to change my address; please send the Durham Labor Journal to Emory F. Via, Southern Regional Council, Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N.E., Atlanta 3, Georgia.

I have enclosed a leaflet on SRC for your information. You may be interested to know that Paul Christopher, Director of AFL-CIO Region #8, is on our Executive Committee.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

Enclosures

March 5, 1957

Mr. E. C. Pippin
AFL-CIO
210 Moore Building
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Brother Pippin:

We have not heard from you yet regarding our labor conference dealing with race relations as they affect unions. Would you please return the enclosed card as soon as possible.

We already have an interesting group of unionists from national and Southern offices signed up for the conference. It is my hope that you will be able to attend.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

Enclosure

cc: MAW plus copy of incoming

March 5, 1957

Mr. J. Garland Pollard, Jr.
Somers,
Virginia

Dear Mr. Pollard:

Please accept my apologies for this belated acknowledgment of your recent letter advising us that you are unable to accept election to the Board of the Southern Regional Council.

We are most regretful of course that you do not find it possible to serve, but we shall continue to think of you as a friend and unofficial supporter of the work of the Council. Needless to say, we are grateful for your kind words about the Council's effectiveness. We hope to continue to deserve them.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

March 5, 1957

Mr. Frank Leighton
65 Broadway
New York 6, New York

Dear Mr. Leighton:

This will acknowledge with thanks your recent letter advising us of Miss Anna Lord Strauss' gift of seven shares of Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company common stock.

We shall greatly appreciate it if you will sell these shares and remit the proceeds to the Southern Regional Council.

We have expressed our grateful acknowledgement of the gift directly to Miss Strauss, and as soon as the transaction is completed we will send her our official receipt.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

copy of all corres to PA: for appropriate action

March 5, 1957

Miss Florence C. Harris
Correlator
Southern Region
Young Women's Christian Association
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Florence:

Thanks for your letter of March 4th advising us of the proper channels for communications about Southern efforts related to CCD. This is of great help to us and you can be sure that we will be guided by your instructions.

Since I am not sure that you and Mrs. Simons received copies of the summary conclusions of the January meeting in Atlanta, I am sending one to each of you.

With best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encl.
cc: Mrs. Savilla Millis Simons

cc: PA

March 5, 1957

Mr. Grover C. Hall, Jr.
Editor-in-Chief
The Montgomery Advertiser
Montgomery 2, Alabama

Dear Mr. Hall:

We are sorry if one of the writers for New South has misconstrued the editorial policy of the Montgomery Advertiser toward the White Citizens' Councils; but at the same time, we are happy to learn that the Advertiser is not a supporter of the WCC.

We propose to reprint in New South the following portion of your letter if you have no objections:

"The Advertiser is not a supporter of the WCC and never has been for one second of its life. We have, indeed, made the statement, that we remain 'cold' to the WCC.

"It is true that we have pointed out that the WCC is merely a political action group, which is patent to all but febrile croakers like your Mr. Anthony. Their meetings are open, they make stupid speeches to each other, and then adjourn. When they do meet, the Montgomery Advertiser does carry a news item about the meeting, just as we carry accounts of the church meetings of Dr. M. L. King. I have often been rebuked by members of the WCC for the modest play we gave their meetings. As a matter of fact, when they have a small, routine meeting, I treat it as such in the news account. If they have a large rally, I would make an objective appraisal and treat it accordingly like any honest newspaper."

Unless we hear otherwise from you, we shall print this portion of your letter in the March issue of New South.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/eab

March 6, 1957

Mrs. Sue Mills
Fund for the Republic
1820 Jefferson Place, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sue:

I am sending under separate cover twenty copies each of two items on S.R.C. They are:

"The Southern Regional Council, A Brief Account of Its Origin and Aims" and

"The South of Promise."

The first is more historical in nature; the latter is our best and most recent statement as to how we are set up and operate. For rather specialized purposes we have available a mimeographed sheet giving short "biographies" of each of the staff members (one is enclosed) and a staff organization chart (one enclosed).

We find that it is still not clear to many friends and interested persons that we have affiliated organizations in eleven Southern states. These are known as (name of state) Council on Human Relations.

Thanks for all good words and transmission of information regarding S.R.C. Let us know if anything else would be useful.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

Enclosures

March 6, 1957

Mr. E. D. Swisher
Vice President
Oil, Chemical, and Atomic Workers International Union
1840 California Street
Denver 2, Colorado

Dear Brother Swisher:

I have just had word from Dial Murphy in District 9 that he will not be able to attend our labor conference next week after all, for he had really planned to be with us. We are aware of your union's interest and work in the area of race relations as they affect unions, and would very much like to have a representative of the union with us.

I am sending an invitation directly to Forrest H. Craig in Pasedena, Texas, and H. J. McClain in LaMarque, Texas, in case either of them could make the conference. We would be most happy to have either of them or someone else of your choice attend. We would welcome any action on your part regarding this matter. In talking with Ben Segal, we agreed that since time was so short I should go ahead and mail an invitation to these two staff men.

As of now our conference quota has been reached and we have representatives coming from UAW, Steelworkers, ILGWU, Brewery Workers, CWA, URWA, Pullman Porters, State-County-Municipal Employees, and TWUA.

I believe the last time I saw you was when I was on the staff of Roosevelt University and we worked a week institute program for the United Chemical Workers.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

March 6, 1957

Mr. Harry Fleischman
National Labor Service
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Harry:

I can't tell you how apologetic I am for ducking out on the mass media committee meeting last week. Please believe that I wouldn't have done it if it hadn't been necessary in the most fundamental sense -- that is, involving the financial well-being of the Council.

When you get a chance, let me know what the conclusions of the group were and particularly any that call for follow up on our part.

It was good being with you at the ALES Conference, and I hope to be seeing you again soon. Please extend my apologies and best regards to Mr. Bernheim.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

March 6, 1957

Miss Mary Alice Baldinger
Executive Director
National Civil Liberties Clearing House
1637 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mary Alice:

Our running into each other was indeed a fine coincidence, though it is too bad we got swept away in all the confusion.

We have sent Bill Oliver twelve copies of the special report. If any more requests come in, just send them along to us.

The outline for the coming conference looks good, and I am fully satisfied with the title you had given my talk.

Until April 5th, best regards and good wishes.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

March 6, 1957

Mr. Carter Wesley
The Informer
P. O. Box 3086
Houston 3, Texas

Dear Mr. Wesley:

It was very kind of you to send our report to Mr. Law and to pass on his name to us for further cultivation. We shall certainly follow through on that suggestion.

I hope you will call on us not only when you are about to, as in this case, do us a favor, but when we can do you one.

With best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

March 6, 1957

Mr. Oscar Cohen
Program Director
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
515 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Oscar:

I was terribly disappointed that I didn't get to see you when I was in New York last week. I tried to reach you by long distance before I left, but failed. Apparently it wouldn't have helped.

Thanks for sending me the copy of the proposal for the Potomac Films motion picture. I am still digging out from under ten days accretion, but I will be reading it in the next day or so.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

March 6, 1957

Mr. Lorne H. Nelles
Director, District 35
United Steelworkers of America
95 Merritts Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Brother Nelles:

The three men that we are expecting from the national office of the Steelworkers are Frank Shane, Tom Murray, and John Powderly.

It was good to talk with you yesterday.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

March 6, 1957

Mr. Hodding Carter III
332-1901 Hall
Princeton University
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Carter:

In response to your recent request we are sending you the information we have available on the Mississippi Citizens' Councils. These materials include a brief report on the group, a copy of the first annual report of the Mississippi WCC, and a brief report on the resistance groups in eleven Southern states.

There is a second annual report which has been issued by the WCC of Mississippi but, since it is printed with blue ink, we can not reproduce it. This report and a world of other material may be had by writing to the Jackson office of the WCC. However, it might be wise if you had one of your fellow students handle this! You will notice a listing of the publications available from the Jackson office in our report.

You have picked an interesting subject and if it can be done without undue effort and expense we would deeply appreciate a copy of your thesis.

If it developes that we may be of further help let us know.

Very truly yours,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/hs

March 6, 1957

Mr. John Cornwell
I - 34 Leverett House
Cambridge 38, Mass.

Dear Mr. Cornwell:

We are sending under separate cover the booklet "Next Steps In The South" as you requested in your recent letter.

In regard to your proposed Southern trip, we will be happy to discuss our work with you when you arrive in Atlanta.

Very truly yours,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/hs

bc: Mr. Edwin Lukas

March 6, 1957

Mr. Ben Herzberg
579 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Herzberg:

I am deeply grateful for the time and sympathetic attention which you and Mr. Sklar gave me last week. I can't tell you how encouraging it was to talk to someone with such understanding of the importance of this work and the financial difficulty under which it proceeds.

Your willingness to arrange substantial assistance to the Council at this particularly critical time is of the greatest importance to us.

I thought you might like to have for your files a copy of our official letter of tax-exemption, which is enclosed. Please let me know if information or material, in addition to that which I left with you, would be helpful.

With appreciation and kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encl.- ltr of tax exemption

bc: Mr. Alexander Miller

Encl. Financial statement
Copy of Washington Star Editorial on
the bus release
Ltr. of tax-exemption
South of Promise
History of SRC
South of the Future

March 6, 1957

Mr. Louis Rabinowitz
120 East Sixteenth Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Rabinowitz:

It was very kind of you to give me an opportunity to see you and explain the work and the pressing financial needs of the Southern Regional Council.

I do hope that you will find it possible to contribute to the Council's work in the not-too-distant future. Demand for this kind of work in the South is, as you know, more critical than ever before, and the only way that it can be carried out is with the help of those persons throughout the nation who are concerned about full citizenship and full opportunity for all Americans. From what you told me about your own practices and efforts in the field of employment, and from what others have told me about you, I know that you are deeply dedicated to the aims for which we are working. I can assure you that a contribution of $5,000 at this time would be wisely and effectively used and would make a crucial difference in the South's difficult progress toward desegregation.

I am enclosing some materials which describe the background and work of the Council and its current financial situation. (Our fiscal year runs from September 30th to October 1st; therefore, the enclosed financial statement shows our needs in those terms.) Also enclosed is a copy of our letter of tax-exemption from the U. S. Treasury Department. If you would like further information on any points, please let me know.

With sincere thanks for your consideration and kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encl.

Encl: South of Promise
History of SRC
South of the Future
Tax-exemption ltr

Under separate cover:
3 copies South of Promise
Changing Patterns
3 copies History of SRC
3 copies South of the Future
Koinonia release
21 cities report in N.S.
3 views of the segregation decision
Integration North and South
What's Happening in School Integration
Pro-Segregation groups special report

March 6, 1957

Mr. Richard Maas
Room 1512
285 Madison Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Maas:

You were very kind to give me such a helpful interview on such short notice last week. I only wish our conversation could have been longer. The next time I am to be in New York, I will write ahead with the hope of arranging another appointment with you.

Meanwhile, I am enclosing some material descriptive of the Southern Regional Council's work and a copy of our letter of tax-exemption. Separately I am sending additional copies of the enclosed, as well as some other publications. Any immediate assistance to the Council that you may be able to arrange will be crucially important just now and will be deeply appreciated.

I am grateful too for the advice and suggestions you gave me. I have already begun to explore one of the questions we discussed with the Presbyterian Church. The persons I have talked to so far were receptive to the idea of a cooperative arrangement, and I feel sure that through this or other religious bodies we will be able to facilitate corporate contributions in this field. I am particularly eager to get more of your thinking along these lines.

With appreciation and kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encls.

March 6, 1967

Mr. Aubrey N. Brown, Editor
The Presbyterian Outlook
1 North Sixth Street
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Mr. Brown:

Your letters to Mr. Harold Fleming and to Dr. George Mitchell have been passed on to me to answer, and I am sending you some material which I hope will be helpful.

Under separate cover, we are mailing you copies of published cases of economic pressure or threats concerning desegregation during 1955-56. We would be able to furnish more details concerning most of these incidents should you desire them.

It is a little difficult to send you examples of encouraging situations without knowing the type of incidents you are interested in. However, included in the packet are several leaflets and publications which may give you some ideas. Included are two copies of our magazine, New South, which concerns religious aspects of the de-segregation controversy. Also included is an informational folder concerning a book, Integration North and South, which contains many encouraging instances in the de-segregation controversy. This may be obtained from Meridian Books or from our office.

If we can be of additional help, please do not hesitate to write.

Sincerely,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:fc

March 6, 1957

Rev. Robert E. Hughes
Room 1218 Comer Bldg.
Birmingham 3, Alabama

Dear Bob:

Thank you for your aid in the Grover Hall matter. Don't worry too much about it. We have written Mr. Hall concerning what we propose to do and are waiting for his reply.

As to the voting figures on Alabama, I am enclosing a copy for your information. You will note that for the present this is not for publication. As soon as we get something in the print, you will of course be free to use the material also.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:fc
Encl.

March 6, 1957

Miss Helen F. Holmes
318 Murray Street
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Miss Holmes:

Thank you for your letter of March 4, 1957 concerning the film "For Fair Play".

Yes, the film is available and we will mail it from our office on March 8th which should be in plenty of time for you to preview it if necessary.

Sincerely,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:fc

March 6, 1957

Miss Kathleen Cheape
Serials Assistant
Univ. of North Carolina Library
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Miss Cheape:

In regard to your letter of March 2, 1957, concerning New South:

Your letter states that you were interested in volume 1 beginning Mardh, 1927. New South was not published under this title prior to January, 1946, when volume 1, number 1 was published. Prior to that time the publication of the Council was titled Southern Frontier. We probably can supply you with most of the copies of New South from volume 1 to date for your files, but I hesitate to send these until it is actually certain as to which volumes you have in mind.

Enclosed is a copy of volume 1, number 1 for your information. If we can be of additional help, please do not hesitate to write.

Sincerely,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:fc

March 6, 1957

Mr. Henry Wilson
Legal Assistant
American Federation of
State, County, and Municipal Employees
448 W. Washington Avenue
Madison 1, Wisconsin

Dear Brother Wilson:

Enclosed is a letter announcing our labor conference next week and a tentative agenda. I understand through Ben Segal and President Zando that you plan to be with us. We look forward to having you.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

Enclosures

March 6, 1957

Credit Manager
Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel
Detroit 31, Michigan

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of February 27, I am enclosing check for $8.91 covering your statement. As I have told you in former correspondence, I was a guest speaker for the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; and I was told to sign my hotel bill when I left Detroit, which I did. In correspondence with them I was told that the Sorority had quite a large bill and my expense for that night was included. This you may find to be true when you check your records. In the meantime, however, I most certainly cannot have an unpaid hotel bill outstanding. Therefore, I am sending my personal check.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly,
Director, Women's Work

MET:fc

March 6, 1957

Miss Dorothy Height
President, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority
1814 M. Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Height:

For some unaccountable reason there seems to be quite a hitch about my expenses to your annual Assembly. I have had quite a correspondence about it but have never to date received the check. The amount was $92.11.

You may remember that you told me when I was in Detroit to sign my Hotel bill, which I did. However, I have had about four letters from the Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel about the bill so am today sending them a check for $8.91 to cover the bill. I feel sure that there is some mix-up somewhere, but you too, travel about a great deal and you know if you keep going you will have to receive your expenses.

You had a great Assembly and I wish with all my heart that I might not have had to turn in any expense.

With the best of wishes to you, I remain

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

MET:fc

March 6, 1957

Tut Wiler Hotel
Birmingham, Alabama

Gentlemen:

Please reserve single room and bath for me Tuesday, March 12th. I would appreciate confirmation.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly,
Director, Women's Work

MET:fc

March 6, 1957

Miss Helen Fuller
Managing Editor
NEW REPUBLIC
1244 19th Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Miss Fuller:

I failed to include H. R. 11-7d in sending you Georgia segregation laws, and it is enclosed herewith.

If section 16's first paragraph in H. R. No 174 - 554 d is not deleted, please delete this. This paragraph was eliminated in the final passage of the impeachment bill. It reads, "That Associate Justices Douglas and Black have accepted awards of money... of the Constitution."

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

March 7, 1957

Reverend Cornelius C. Tarplee
1641 Link Road
Lynchburg, Virginia

Dear Neal:

Just a brief note to say how much I appreciated your participation in Charlottesville. I will send you a summary of my notes on the meeting later on, but enclosed here are two items:

(1) Additional information on Koinonia

(2) A list of key people in Miami.

Best personal regards.

Warmly,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

Enclosures

P.S. We are sending the same information on Koinonia to Bishop Hobson as you requested.

March 7, 1957

Dr. Theodore Leskes
American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Ted:

Harold Fleming was talking with Dave Freeman and Adam Yarmolinsky of the Fund for the Republic the other day and they had not seen the very excellent memo done by Julius Cohen on tax exemption which appeared in the 1956 report of the NAIRO Commission on Civil Rights. Would you, therefore, please send to each of them a marked copy of the report?

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

BLIND COPY: Mr. Adam Yarmolinsky
Mr. Dave Freeman

March 7, 1957

Mr. John Lawson
Candler School of Theology
Emory University
Emory University, Georgia

Dear Mr. Lawson:

In relation to the matter of employment opportunities for Miss Lawson, Mr. Fleming and I have discussed the situation at considerable length. We are, unfortunately, unable to see any way in which we can insure definite employment in September.

There are several possibilities which may be open, by that time, with SRC. In addition, several other agencies working in the South may offer an opportunity for similar work. If so we believe they too would feel that Miss Lawson would make a valuable contribution to our efforts. These possibilities, both on our own staff and with other agencies, we will keep in mind and explore further. I deeply regret that we are unable to give an immediate and positive answer to this proposal.

We do stand ready to be of any assistance possible in helping Miss Lawson with her visa. If, within the limited outlined above, we may be of specific help, please let us know.

Warmest regards.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/eab

March 7, 1957

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
American Association for the United Nations, Inc.
345 East 46th Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

We have received your check for $100.00 through the New York Trust Company's Mr. William G. Fullard. We deeply appreciate your generosity and interest.

The annual budget for the central office runs in the neighborhood of $100,000.00. A good part of this is made up from donations of $100.00 from interested and dedicated individuals. Your gift is important to us and to the building of a more democratic society in the South.

With every good wish,

Cordially yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

Enclosure: Official Receipt

March 7, 1957

Rt. Reverend Henry Wise Hobson, D.D.
The Episcopalian Church
Diocese of Southern Ohio
412 Sycamore Street
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Bishop Hobson:

Neal Tarplee and I were together at a recent meeting at Charlottesville, Virginia, and he asked that I send you such additional information on Koinonia as I might have. Enclosed are the various pieces of information we have pertaining to the Koinonia situation.

You will note that there is a memorandum from Wallace Nelson and Reverend Maurice McCrackin. I understand that the Reverend Mr. McCrackin is a Presbyterian minister in Cincinnati and believe you might obtain more information from him.

If we can supply you with any further information, please feel free to call on us.

Respectfully,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

cc: Reverend Cornelius C. Tarplee

March 7, 1957

Mr. Alexander Miller
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
515 Madison Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Alex:

This crisis fund-raising in unfamiliar territory is a rough deal, and I can't tell you how comforted I was by the sympathetic help which you and Arnold gave me. I have followed up by letter with both Mr. Maas and Mr. Rabinowitz. I have high hopes that both of them will help us shortly. Anything you can do to help matters along will be appreciated.

I am also writing Mr. Kivie Kaplan along the lines that you suggest.

It now looks as though I may be in New York for the latter half of the week beginning March 25th. I should know for sure before long and will call you then to see if appointments can be arranged with some of the people that we missed last week.

With thanks from one Confederate to another, and best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

P.S. I am also writing Arnold a note of thanks

March 7, 1957

Mr. Arnold Forster
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
515 Madison Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Arnold:

You were kind indeed to take time out in an obviously hectic afternoon to give me a helping hand. I appreciate it greatly.

I have followed up with Mr. Rabinowitz, sending him some of the material he wanted and suggesting that a $5,000 gift would make a tremendous difference in the ability of the Council to carry on its work in the South with continued effectiveness.

I will continue to be in touch with Alex about some of the possibilities that we missed on. I hope I will have a chance to reciprocate your help, if not in the same way at least in a way that will be important to you and your work.

All best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

March 7, 1957

Mr. Edwin J. Lukas
The American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Ed:

The help you gave me last week was an act of pure friendship, and the Southern Regional Council and I are both grateful.

I will be following up with the Rosenwalds. As I think I told you, I saw both Ben Herzberg and Richard Maas, both of whom indicated that they would help. Mr. Herzberg, in particular, suggested the possibility of arranging substantial aid, along with his associate Mr. Sklar. Herzberg spoke of you in the highest terms, and if the occasion arises I know you can help the matter along invaluably.

It now appears that I will be in New York again around March 27-28-29. Do you think it might be possible at that time for me to talk with Mr. Jack Kaplan ar others that I missed out on? As soon as my schedule is final, I will call -- in advance of my coming.

With appreciation and warm regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

March 7, 1957

Mr. Irving M. Engel
President
The American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. Engel:

You were very kind to see me, along with Morris Abram, last week. I appreciate it doubly because I know that it was a pressing and difficult time for you.

I later talked with Mr. Herzberg and found him extremely sympathetic and disposed to be helpful.

Please accept my personal wishes for Mrs. Engel's early return to good health.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

March 7, 1957

Mrs. Ralph R. Spraker
Woman's Society of Christian Service
Holston Conference
Maryville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Spraker:

We are most grateful for the annual contribution to the work of the Southern Regional Council which you have sent us on behalf of the WSCS, Holston Conference. Our official receipt is enclosed.

This kind of steady support from devoted groups in the South means much more to us than financial aid alone, important as that is. We prize the continuing friendship and cooperation between our respective organizations.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encl.

bc: Mr. H. C. Holland
225 Hampton Court
Athens, Georgia

March 7, 1957

Mr. H. Conwell Snoke
Treasurer
Division of National Missions of the
Board of Missions of the Methodist Church
1701 Arch Street
Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Snoke:

We have just received the first quarterly installment of our 1957 contribution from the Division of National Missions. As the newly appointed Director of the Council (though an old Council staff member), I want to express our deep sense of gratitude for this continuing support.

It means a great deal to us to feel that our work merits the friendship and aid of the Methodist Church. And we are always conscious of the vital leadership which Methodists have always given in the South to efforts to broaden and enrich our society.

With appreciation and kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encl: SRC Official Receipt $250.

Same letter to:
Robert Childers
Palmer Hutcheson
Maurice Lazarus (all contributors-through Mr. Shaw)

March 7, 1957

Mr. John DeMenil
3363 San Felipe Road
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. DeMenil:

Enclosed is a brief summary report of the recent activities of the Council, which I thought might be of interest to you.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encl. "South of Promise"

March 7, 1957

Mr. Adam Yarmolinsky
Fund for the Republic
Sixty East Forty-Second Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Adam:

This was interesting and provocative -- as witnessed by the fact that it incited me to several energetic interior monologues. Unfortunately, it was also long. I hope my hanging on to it so long has not inconvenienced you.

It strikes me that a comparable session on The Problem in the South, given the right participants, might be very fruitful.

Let me take this occasion to thank you again for all your time and helpful advice in New York last week. As circumstances permit, I want to follow up on the various suggestions you made.

I did have an enjoyable talk with Roger Baldwin, and the William C. Whitney grant has since been approved. It's too soon to put any other cash value on my New York efforts, but I begin to see a little light filtering through the clouds.

I hope to see you again soon. Meanwhile all the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encl. "The Princeton Conference on Civil Liberties Strategy"

March 7, 1957

Mr. Benjamin Segal
Trade Union Consultant
The Fund for the Republic
1820 Jefferson Place, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Ben:

You are not only ubiquitous, you are downright indescribable. Looking over the names of those who gave to the George S. Mitchell Fund, I am filled with wonder at the pitch you must have made, or the arm-twisting, or something. And we have carefully noted that the largest one of all came under the direct auspices of Ben Segal himself.

My sense of gratitude will oblige me to work much harder the next time you have an urgent need for a funny story.

I don't know what else to do, since I don't have all the addresses, but to send to you our official receipts for the various contributions. Maybe Sue Mills could scare up the remaining addresses and send them on to the contributors.

See you next week.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encls.

March 7, 1957

Mr. Max Birnbaum
Educational Consultant
The American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. Birnbaum:

I am sorry to say that, at Ed Lukas' suggestion, we have already used up AJC's hundred subscriptions, mostly on Southern newspaper editors.

I agree entirely that it would be very helpful for Father Foley and his co-workers in the Mobile area to receive the Petal Paper, and I only wish we had known about it sooner.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
cc: Mr. Edwin Lukas

March 8, 1957

Mr. C. Kenneth Jones
Morgan County
Greear, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Jones:

I am sending you a copy of "The Louisville Story" which reports on the desegregation of schools in Louisville and a list of integrated colleges.

The following references would provide additional information on the schools in Kentucky.

The Courier-Journal, Louisville, October 21, 1956
Section 4, p. 1.
Southern School News, November, 1956, p. 11.

You would find helpful information in each issue of Southern School News. If it is not in your library, the mail address is P. O. Box 6156, Acklen Station, Nashville 5, Tennessee. Some reports on integration have also been issued by the State Department of Education at Frankfort; these may be available upon request.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

March 8, 1957

Mr. (changed on orig.)
~~Miss~~ Francis Manis
School of Social Work
The University of Tennessee
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Fran:

Fred Routh has passed on to me your letter concerning materials on desegregation. We are mailing, under separate cover, some free material and some single copies of books which you might use for the library of the group.

If we can be of additional help, please do not hesitate to write.

Sincerely,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:fc

March 8, 1957

Mrs. Phyllis L. Renick
Virginia Council on Human Relations
100 East Franklin Street
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Renick:

Your order to the National Civil Liberties Clearing House for forty copies of the Pro-Segregation report which we compiled has been sent to us by Miss Baldinger. We have mailed you, under separate cover, the requested number.

Sincerely,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:fe

March 8, 1957

MEMO TO: Paul Anthony

FROM: Emory Via

The most likely time you will be wanted as Resource person at the SRC Labor Conference is between 9 and 12 A.M., Thursday, March 14th.

EFV:mm

March 8, 1957

Air Mail - Special Delivery

Rabbi Philip Shnairson
Temple Israel
Cathcart at Ridgewood
Orlando, Florida

Dear Rabbi:

I am arriving in Orlando on Eastern Air Lines Flight #901 at 10:22 P.M., Monday, March 11. I will leave Orlando on Eastern Air Lines Flight #902 Wednesday, March 13th, 9:27 A.M. I will, therefore, need a hotel room for those two nights.

I regret costing you first class passage, but the night schedule is too rigerous, since I am in the process of recovering from a bout with the virus.

I will be glad to hold a press or radio interview if you think it advisable. Regarding the layman's meeting in the evening, please contact Reverend John Fuller of the Unitarian Church. He called me and asked me to meet with the local chapter of the Florida Council on that evening. If you had another group in mind for that time, I am sure we could combine the meetings.

I look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

Enclosures

cc: Reverend John Fuller

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MR. AND MRS. GEORGE S. MITCHELL
SAXONIA
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FIFTY-FIRST STREET
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

OUR BEST WISHES, LOVE, AND RESPECT GO WITH YOU BOTH FOR A PLEASANT AND FRUITFUL JOURNEY AND SOJOURN. ALL GOOD EGGS HERE JOIN IN THIS WISH

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THE SRC STAFF

March 8, 1957

Mrs. D. S. Wheatley
P. O. Box 9096
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Wheatley:

Thanks for your letter acknowledging receipt of our latest two memoranda. I am glad to have this occasion to write and to assure you of the staff's earnest desire to maintain a close cooperative relationship with the Mississippi Council. You will be receiving our communications regularly, and we hope that you will feel free to advise us of significant developments in Mississippi and also to call on us for such help as we may render to the Mississippi Council.

We have discussed the matter of the Southwide staff conference and all agree that it would be both proper and desirable if your staff should attend. After all, we are working toward the same goals, and as you know all of the state groups will cease to be formal affiliates of the Council as of September 30th. Therefore there is no reason why the Mississippi Council should not be represented if that is convenient for you. We will be sending you further information about the conference shortly, as soon as the date is definitely set.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

March 8, 1957

Mr. Gus Tyler
Director
International Ladies' Garment
   Workers' Union
AFL-CIO
1710 Broadway
New York 19, New York

Dear Gus:

I greatly enjoyed our conversation last week and was glad that we had a chance to discuss our common interests. I will look forward to receiving the additional copies of the brochure and the application form of the Training Institute. We will send copies to each of our affiliated state organizations and will use the rest for job applicants and other likely prospects who come into our ken.

The apprenticeship program is being sponsored by the Fund for the Republic. Frank Loescher, the Fund's race relations consultant, would be the man to talk with. He can be reached at the Fund's office in New York several days of the week. The Fund is making a grant to NAIRO for supervision of the whole project and in addition will make several grants to agencies for apprenticeships. Also other foundations will cooperate by making similar grants to agencies. Then public announcements of these apprentice openings will be widely distributed through colleges and other suitable channels over the country. I should suppose that the agencies having openings will get a great many more applicants than they can use; certainly we would expect to. My thought was that you might be able to arrange with some or all of the participating agencies to have their overflow informed about the Institute's program.

Emory Via, our Labor Consultant, is thoroughly informed about your recruitment through his conversations with Jack Sessions. He and I have discussed it and will be glad to help further as opportunities arise.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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March 8, 1957

Miss Emma Kate Fisk
San Francisco Laboratories, Inc.
Suite 816 De Young Bldg.
690 Market Street
San Francisco 4, Calif.

Dear Miss Fisk:

We are mailing you under separate cover a copy of NEXT STEPS IN THE SOUTH, a copy of the latest issue of our monthly publication NEW SOUTH, and some description slips concerning other publications. We are very pleased at your interest in the Council and in the South. Enclosed is a descriptive folder concerning the Council.

As to Asa Carter, I do not know which phase of his career you read about in your local newspaper; but the latest is that he has been charged with assault with intent to murder in the connection with the shooting of two members of the Ku Klux Klan. He also has qualified to run as a candidate for the police commission of Birmingham.

If we can be of additional help, please do not hesitate to write us. Again thanks.

Sincerely,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:fs
Encl.

March 8, 1957

Washington Post-Times-Herald
Circulation Department
1515 L Street NW
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is fifty cents in stamps. Please send us copies of the Sunday, March 3, Post Times-Herald which this amount will cover.

Sincerely,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:fe
Encl.

March 8, 1957

Mr. Robert B. Patterson
Secretary, Citizens' Council
207 West Market Street
Greenwood, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Patterson:

In reference to your order of March 4, 1957, we are mailing you ten copies of the issue and are entering your subscription to NEW SOUTH. We are sorry that we can only send you ten copies of the issue, but our supply is exhausted.

We are refunding $3.60 of the money you sent as balance between your order and the amount we are able to fill.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/bsc

March 8, 1957

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

I have read the correspondence between you and Fred concerning Marion Wright's questions about the last issue of the South Carolina Newsletter. Enclosed is a confidential copy of my letter to Mr. Wright on this subject. As you will see I agree with him in part, although I think our organizations certainly are justified in reporting on laws in effect.

You will be hearing what is finally decided. Meanwhile, I am sure you understand that none of this is intended to reflect in any way on the judgement or discretion of the South Carolina Council. These are complicated matters and we must try to find the best answers as we go along.

I am looking forward to our get together in Atlanta. We will be advising you of the definite date shortly.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encl.

March 8, 1957

Mr. Will D. Campbell
National Council of the Churches of
Christ in the U.S.A.
Division of Christian Life and Work
1716 West End Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Will:

Thanks for your recent letter about the Southern Leaders Conference. I agree with you that it would be desirable to invite a representative of this group to take part in our next Southern meeting and will act accordingly.

I am taking the liberty of sending a copy of your letter on to Arnold Aronson, secretary of the CCD. Any decision about including the Southern Leaders Conference in that group will have to be made by him and the CCD Executive Committee, but I am sure that they would also take a favorable view.

All best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

March 8, 1957

Mr. Louis A. Radelet
The National Conference of
Christians and Jews, Inc.
43 West Fifty-Seventh Street
New York 19, New York

Dear Mr. Radelet:

I deeply appreciated your warm and encouraging letter. Fred Routh of our staff has often spoken of you, so that even before I received your kind letter I was convinced that our getting acquainted was long overdue. I am sorry that my recent trip to New York was too hectic to afford an opportunity for me to call you.

I will be in New York again from time to time and will try to remedy the situation. Meanwhile, let me know of any ways that occur to you in which our two organizations can further their cooperative efforts. I have the feeling that the period of most effective service by both agencies lies just ahead.

With appreciation and warm regards.

Sincerely

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

March 8, 1957

Mr. Milton C. Rose
Secretary
William C. Whitney Foundation
Forty Wall Street
New York 5, New York

Dear Mr. Rose:

Warmest thanks for your telephone call and subsequent letter informing me of the William C. Whitney Foundation's approval of a $5,000 grant to the Southern Regional Council. This support strengthens and encourages us more than I can say.

Please convey the Council's sincere thanks to the Directors of the Foundation and assure them of our determination to merit their confidence and support.

Our official receipt will be sent as the funds are received.

I hope I will have the pleasure of talking with you again in the not-too-distant future.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

March 8, 1957

Mr. Charles A. Shaw
President
Watchtower Life Insurance Company
2206 Dowling Street
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Shaw:

I greatly appreciated your thoughtful letter of February 20th and am this long in answering only because I have been away from the office for an extended period. We have sent copies of the"South of Promise" to each of the persons whose names you suggested to Dr. Mitchell last year, and we will continue to send them significant material from time to time that will help interpret the work of the Council to them.

It was good of you to give Mr. and Mrs. Stokeley so much of you time and attention. I got a letter from them today in which they spoke of the valuable help which you and other persons associated with the Council gave them.

We appreciate your steady support.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

March 8, 1957

Mr. Hylan Lewis
Associate Director
Community Service
Unitarian Service Committee, Inc.
Nine Park Street
Boston 8, Massachusetts

Dear Hy:

I was glad to learn that you were well underway in your new position and that you were pushing hard on the staffing of Knoxville. Certainly Knoxville is the key place in the South just now, and we are beginning to get urgings from some of the cooperating agencies that we stage an early inter-agency field meeting in Knoxville. As we agreed in our last conversation, it would be highly desirable for this to be deferred until your staff people are on the job. Therefore, I will be looking forward to hearing from you further about the progress of this effort.

I appreciate your writing us frankly about the approach to Galen Martin. Our position on matters of this kind is that staff members should have full and free opportunity to consider other employment opportunities in this field. Naturally, we should be sorry to see the Kentucky Council lose Galen Martin, but that is a decision for him, and only him, to make. If you get him, you will be getting a good man.

I haven't yet received the information which you said you were sending. Please make sure that there has been no slip, for it will be helpful to have written description of your program.

I hope we will find ourselves together soon. Meanwhile best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/esb

March 8, 1957

Mr. John Alexander, Director
School Program
American Friends Service Committee
617 W. Market Street
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear John:

The December, 1956 issue of New South was a popular one, and our supply has been exhausted. If you would like to mimeograph Dr. Johnson's article, feel free to do that.

We do not plan any additional issuance of the article. At one time, the Fund for the Republic considered its reprint, but I don't believe they actually did it. If you decide to have a local printer reprint it, please secure permission from Mrs. Johnson (or Fisk) and the New York Times Magazine.

I hope there are some encouraging developments in the North Carolina program.

Since your stationery still bore the Greensboro address, I was uncertain about directing this letter, but I assumed it would be forwarded if addressed incorrectly.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

March 8, 1957

Rev. Richard Deats
Associate Minister
First Methodist Church
Box 788
Big Spring, Texas

Dear Rev. Deats:

I am sending you several publications which will provide some of the information you desire on school statistics and integration. The Office of Education, U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Washington, D. C. can supply current statistics on the state-by-state rank of the public schools. You would also find helpful school statistics in Public Education In The South Today and Tomorrow by Ernst W. Swanson and John Griffin.

Southern School News would keep you abreast of developments in school integration. It is available for $2.00 per year from Southern Education Reporting Service, P. O. Box 6156, Acklen Station, Nashville 5, Tennessee. According to the November, 1956 Southern School News, 104 Texas school districts had either begun or completed school desegregation. I am enclosing a copy of this list. Big Spring is among those listed. We would appreciate your telling us the extent of school desegregation in Big Spring.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

Material Sent

Louisville Story
Attitudes Toward Desegregation
Desegregation in Baltimore
What's Happening In School Integration
The Negro and the Schools
Schools in Transition

March 8, 1957

Mr. Phillip Saunders
Apartment 5
1005 S. Sixth Street
Champaign, Illinois

Dear Mr. Saunders:

In accordance with your request, I am sending you "The Condition of Our Rights". The Negro Potential and the report, "Equal Job Opportunity" have also been sent.

If you are primarily interested in discrimination in employment, I would suggest that the following be included in your references.

Equality of Opportunity by John Hope II
The High Cost of Discrimination by Elmo Roper
Selected Studies of Negro Employment
In The South - National Planning Association

Probably, the Merit Employment Program of the American Friends Service Committee, the Urban League and various state and local FEP offices can provide you with useful information.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

March 8, 1957

Mr. Michael Straight
c/o The New Republic
1224 Nineteenth Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mike:

Life seems a good deal brighter this week, and a large part of the reason is the grant that was made possible by your understanding help.

I spent a most pleasant hour with Roger Baldwin and was really grateful for this belated opportunity to get to know him. Milton Rose also struck me as a very congenial guy, whom I would like to know better.

I will keep you and the Foundation posted on the Council's progress. Meanwhile, do let me know if we can supply any information or help of any kind to the Foundation, to you, or to the New Republic.

I haven't been able to think of any unusual places that you might take in on the up-coming trip to Asheville with your youngsters, except for the obvious tourist attractions like Fontana Dam and Skyline Drive. That is pleasant country and I hope you have an enjoyable trip.

Please give my best to your wife and many thanks for that enjoyable dinner with you two.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

March 11, 1957

Virginia Williams
Friends World Committee
Wilmington College
Wilmington, Ohio

Dear Virginia Williams:

Your telegram for Ralph Rose arrived in time, but it is my fault that he did not receive it. My attempts to reach him at the airport and hotel should have been successful - there was time - but for some reason failed. I trust this caused no inconvenience.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

Enclosure: telegram

March 11, 1957

Air Mail - Special Delivery

Mr. J. H. Hope II
1808 Moreno Street
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear John:

Enclosed is a letter from Milton Vigo of the Louisiana Council inquiring about your services.

You will recall that I sent you a copy of Harold's letter placing the Louisiana Council on provisional status. One of the stipulations for the Louisiana Council was that the state administrative committee hold a work session with you and the consultants.

Would you please indicate to Milton when we can meet in New Orleans, taking into account, of course, that provisional status extends to May 1 and the work session should be held prior to that time.

See you soon.

Regards,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

Enclosure

March 11, 1957

Commissioner of Education,
U. S. Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Please send us the latest report containing state by state data of public school expenditures and facilities.

Will you also send to us a list of the current educational reports and directories available from the Office of Education.

Sincerely yours,

Florence B. Irving,
Research Assistant

FBI/cj

March 11, 1957

AIR MAIL

Mr. Milton C. Vigo
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Milt:

In regard to the clippings which you sent us concerning the testimony of Mr. Johnson, after a conference here it was suggested that it might be advisable for you to contact the Louisiana reporter for the Southern School News. I have no information about the reporter there, but it seems to us that he at least ought to know the facts concerning the story if it is to be carried in Southern School News.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/eab

March 11, 1957

Mr. Paul Ward
Director of Special Services
American Federation of Teachers
28 East Jackson Blvd.
Chicago 4, Illinois

Dear Brother Ward:

The Atlanta taxis are rigidly segregated; cabs with white drivers take only white passengers, and Negro drivers take only Negro passengers. Sometimes white drivers do not seem to know where Atlanta University is, but are not unwilling to take you there. One route to Atlanta University is to go out Hunter Street to Chestnut Street.

The address of the Administration Building where we will be meeting is 223 Chestnut Street.

We are happy that you will be with us and look forward to a good conference.

I do not think you will have any difficulty in getting to the University, but don't hesitate to call the Council's office (JAckson 2-8764) if you do.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

Attached letter forwarded to:

Earl Henderson
Tom Murray
John Powderly
James E. Wolfe
Julius Fry
E. R. Williamson
Charles Jones
George Berry
Al Hartnett
Ben Segal
Henry Wilson
Paul Ward
Henry T. Wilson
George Weaver
Ken Peterson
Bill Oliver
Jim Turner
Francis Shane
B. F. McLaurin
Julius Frazier

March 11, 1957

Mr. W. W. Law
Savannah Branch NAACP
2009 Florence Street
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Mr. Law:

With reference to our phone conversation of this date, I will plan to be in Savannah on Sunday afternoon as per the information you send concerning this meeting. I have searched diligently for a photo and I am unable to come up with one. Concerning biographical information, I hope the following will suffice.

> Paul Anthony, native of Virginia, 28 years old. Graduate of the University of Miami. With the Wall Street Journal, and prior to coming with the Southern Regional Council worked with the Wall Street Journal in Atlanta. Currently serving as Administrative Assistant, Southern Regional Council. In charge of special fact-finding project for the Council in its investigation of pro-segregation groups. Author of several inconspicuous magazine articles.

I shall look forward to seeing you on Sunday.

Warmest regards.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/eab

March 11, 1957

Miss Alice MacVicar, Chairman
Dade County Council on Community Relations
213 Northeast Second Avenue
Miami 32, Florida

Dear Alice:

Wish I could be with you for the annual meeting March 26th. Unfortunately, I will be in Charleston, S.C., speaking to a group of Presbyterian ministers from across the South.

Marsh Bragdon is a great buddy of mine and you will find him to be a most able and interesting speaker with a world of knowledge about working for good human relations in an urban setting.

Enclosed is my check for $5.00. Carry on the good work.

Warmly,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm
Enclosure: Check No. 509

March 12, 1957

Mr. Don Shoemaker
Executive Director
Southern Education Reporting Service
1109 Nineteenth Avenue, South
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Don:

Thanks for your letter about the forthcoming meeting at Arden House and your suggestions for the panel discussion. You've left me plenty of territory in which to find something worthwhile to talk about. It would be very helpful if the three of us could, as you suggest, get together ahead of time for a kind of warm up.

You deserve the highest commendation for arranging to give your wife a break on this trip. I only hope my wife doesn't hear about it, for I am long overdue. It now looks as though I will be in New York for several days after the conference rather than before. But if I should get there early, I will try to track you down. In any case, it will be good to see you again.

All best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

bc: Miss Gloria Dapper

March 12, 1957

Mr. William F. Bagwell
Office of Development
Furman University
Greenville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Bagwell:

This is to supplement Fred Routh's letter to you, written in my absence from the office.

I think Fred has covered the ground pretty thoroughly. I can only add that we would be delighted to see you and discuss the outlook for future work in the human relations field.

Let me know when you are going to be in Atlanta, and we will plan to get together.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

March 12, 1957

Mr. Henry L. Catchings
Associate Director
Merit Employment Program
American Friends Service Committee
Box 1307
High Point, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Catchings:

This is to supplement my secretary's answer to your recent letter, which arrived while I was out of the city for an extended period.

Hammer and Company did undertake a fact-finding project for us to determine the details of industrialization of the South during the post-war decade. The survey attempted to discover county by county the number of new industries, classified by number of employees and type of manufacturing, that had located in the South between 1945 and 1955. Our purpose in having the survey done was to obtain better understanding of the industrialization going on in the South and its implications for race relations. We haven't put the findings into any form that would permit distribution, largely because a large national organization has approached us about the possibility of supplementing the research and spelling out some of the implications in greater detail than we would now be able to do. The resulting delay has been unfortunate, but it may be in the long run well worth waiting for.

As soon as these matters have been worked out and we have the findings in a form that I can send you, you will be hearing from me.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

March 12, 1957

Mrs. Wilma Dykeman Stokely
405 Clifton Heights
Newport, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Stokely:

Thanks for your good letter of March 4th. I am glad that the names that we suggested to you turned out to be helpful. We have read your interesting articles in the *Nation* and will be looking forward to the book on which you are working.

When you get to Atlanta be sure to pay the Council's offices a visit.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

March 12, 1957

Mrs. Ben Price
Rte. 1, Box 272
McLean, Virginia

Dear Margaret,

Harold showed me the additional material you'd sent, and I think it fits into the previous sections very well. I believe we have all the sections, and that we're merely confused on headings. The sections we have are:

I. Introduction

II. Negro Registration - Present and Prospective ("Present and Prospective" apparently added by HCF)

III. Voting Performance

IV. Legal Determinants

V. Discrimination and Intimidation

VI. Political Consciousness

VII. Organizations and Leadership.

The sections without any numeral designations are, "The 1956 Election," "Social-Economic Factors," and "Kentucky." Perhaps the one labeled, "The 1956 Election" is the one you're referring to as "Prospects." It begins with a quotation from the Chattanooga Times, which reads, "The extent of the Negro vote in Southern states.... future elections." It contains nine (9) pages.

We've received all the clippings. Thanks for the new ones as well as the old ones.

Sincerely,

March 12, 1957

Mr. Ross Groshong
Box 381
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Ross:

We were delighted to get your letter of some weeks ago. The only reason I am so long in answering is that I misplaced it and have only now succeeded in finding it again.

We had heard that you were now working for Western Electric. It must be a nice feeling to be in the middle of some integration on the job. Your suggestion about the Employment on Merit program fits in with the whole pattern of my recent thinking. There seems to be a complete mental block, North and South, to the conception of Southern racial patterns as being influenced by truly national forces. Lately the Council has been emerging as a kind of clearing house and coordinating group for the various agencies that have some kind of program in this field. Through these channels we have been trying to get across the idea that the national and Southern aspects of our various efforts ought to be closely tied in. Reaching industrialists before they get all their plans made and settle-in in Southern locations would be one of the most useful ways to do this. I'll do my best to push it as we go along. Funny, isn't it, how unwelcome new ideas are?

We've been busy here at the Council trying to give some new ideas a chance as well as coping with all the old ones. Emory is on the job as labor consultant, we hope for quite a while to come, though right now we can't see beyond September. He's doing a good job and I think is finding more receptivity among labor leadership than there was in the old days.

Did you ever see a copy of Integration North and South? In case you didn't I am sending a copy separately. And I'm enclosing a mimeographed leaflet that will give you some idea of what we're up to.

Jane and I would love to see you again and meet your wife. Let us know anytime there's a chance.

Yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encl: "South of Promise"

March 12, 1957

DRAFT

The Honorable Francis E. Walter
The House Committee on Un-American Activities
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Walter:

I am taking the liberty of sending to you, in your capacity as Chairman of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, the enclosed copy of a letter to State Senator W. M. Rainach of Louisiana.

It is our understanding that on occasion the House Committee on Un-American Activities incorporates into its files material developed by state legislative committees concerned with these matters. We thought that it would be both proper and desirable, therefore, for you to be alerted to the demonstrably false and irresponsible testimony discussed in the attached letter.

If this testimony or similar charges should at any time come within the purview of your Committee, we respectfully urge that you make your own appropriate inquiries into the charges. In this way, responsible and patriotic citizens will be spared needless injury, and your Committee will safeguard itself against victimization by an uninformed and unscrupulous accuser.

The Southern Regional Council will be glad at any time to cooperate in sober efforts to establish the truth of its origin, history, and activities.

Sincerely,

M. A. Wright
President

HCF/MAW/eab

March 12, 1957

Miss Mary Esther McWhirter
Editor
Educational Materials for Children
American Friends Service Committee
Twenty South Twelfth Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Miss McWhirter:

Thank you for sending me a copy of your excellent bibliography "Books are Bridges." We have made this a part of our own reference files and will callattention to it in the descriptive material we put out.

Enclosed is a list of our affiliated state organizations in case you would like to send a sample copy of the bibliography to each one of them.

Congratulations on a fine piece of work.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

Encl.

March 12, 1957

Mrs. Marian R. Ascoli
23 Gramercy Park South
New York 3, New York

Dear Mrs. Ascoli:

It was extremely kind of you to see me on short notice and to discuss with me so frankly and helpfully the financing of the Southern Regional Council's work. I am acutely conscious of our past shortcomings, and as a token of better performance to come, I am enclosing a statement of our current financial condition.

My efforts in New York turned out to be quite worthwhile, though I can't yet place any cash value on them. Unfortunately, I wasn't able to see either Mrs. Levy or Mr. William Rosenwald. Mr. Rosenwald was out of town, and Mrs. Levy was involved with last minute preparations for leaving. I do hope, however, that you found an opportunity to speak with them about the Council, since I will be making another effort to see them in the near future.

Best of luck in your own desegregation efforts in New York. I really think you have a tougher problem there than many areas in the South.

With appreciation and warm regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encl.

Incoming and file copy to FBI

March 12, 1957

Mr. William B. Welsh
Director of Research
Democratic National Committee
1001 Connecticut Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Welsh:

We are glad to make available to you such results as we can from our recent survey of Negro suffrage in the South. The overall report on the survey is still in preparation. Meanwhile, I am asking our research assistant to send you selectively those findings that are most pertinent to questions with which you are concerned.

We have many mutual friends and I hope to see you one of these days when I am in Washington. Meanwhile best wishes in your new position.

M

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

March 12, 1957

Mr. Solomon Sutker
Department of Sociology
Oklahoma A. & M. College
Stillwater, Oklahoma

Dear Sol:

It was awfully good to hear from you and to learn that you were fruitfully occupied, if harrassed. Your plans for the summer sound quite good -- the kind of thing that often leads to other good possibilities.

The long delay in getting the suffrage findings published is frustrating to us as well as to others. However, you would be interested to know that sometime ago the Department of Justice requested and was given all of the material collected during the survey. I haven't been able to detect any signs of its use during the hearings on civil rights legislation, but that we have to leave to them. We should have a report in publishable shape before long. Did you ever do anything with your report on North Carolina?

Things have never been busier here at the Council. I am enclosing a mimeographed account of what we have been doing.

Jane joins me in warmest regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encl: "South of Promise"

clips to JC

March 12, 1957

Mr. John H. Marion
Virginia Council on Human Relations
100 East Franklin Street
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Jack:

I appreciated your recent letter and the clippings on encouraging developments in Virginia. It's comforting to feel that Virginia's alliance with the deep South may be approaching an end.

I am looking forward to seeing you at our get together in Atlanta.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

Thermo-fax of incoming from DF to RHA

March 12, 1957

Mr. Morton Elder
P. O. Box 3821
Fairview Station
Birmingham 8, Alabama

Dear Mort:

I hope the letter from David Freeman of the Fund for the Republic clears up sufficiently the tax problem that Ben Segal and I got you into. From my reading of it, I should think that you would have no trouble from the Internal Revenue Service.

I hope all goes well with you.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

March 12, 1957

Miss Ellen B. Armstrong
63 Canal Street
Port Jervis, New York

Dear Miss Armstrong:

You were very kind to write and to send in a check to the George S. Mitchell Tribute Fund. The responses so far indicate, as you might expect, that a great many people want to be included in this gesture.

The job I have taken on is a big one and tremendously challenging. It helps greatly to have the good wishes of valued friends like you.

Jane joins me in warmest regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

March 12, 1957

Mr. A. R. Surits
Barry's Inc.
101 East Main Street
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Bob:

We haven't been able to turn up anything on William Augusta Somerset. I have shared your clipping and note with Emory Via and others on the staff, and we will be on the lookout for any further information on this gentleman.

I hope all goes well with you.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

March 12, 1957

Mr. John Cornwell
1-34 Leverett House
Cambridge 38, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Cornwell:

We should be very glad to have you pay a visit to the Southern Regional Council when you are touring the South later in the year. Let us know if we can give you any advice or help in planning your trip.

If you find it possible to write us in advance what date you will be here, we shall be glad to suggest other persons whom you might want to talk with while you are here.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

March 12, 1957

DRAFT

The Honorable W. M. Rainach
State Senate
New Orleans, Louisiana

My dear Senator Rainach:

I have just read an account of hearings conducted by the Joint Legislative Committee under your Chairmanship, as reported by the Times Picayune of March 9, 1957. According to this account, a witness named Manning Johnson made numerous allegations of communist influence in organizations active in the South, among them the Southern Regional Council. I am not in position to evaluate Mr. Johnson's charges against other groups, but I can say unequivocally that the statements which he is quoted as making about the Southern Regional Council are utterly false. If this witness made the statements attributed to him under oath, he is guilty of the grossest kind of perjury.

Mr. Johnson is quoted as saying that the Southern Regional Council was "formed by the communists," and he is further quoted as naming specifically one James E. Jackson as "having founded the organization." These allegations are fantastic, as even a casual inquiry into the facts would establish at once. The Southern Regional Council was founded in 1944 by some of the South's most distinguished leaders, white and Negro. The details of its founding were public knowledge, having been reported fully in reputable newspapers throughout the nation. The incorporators were Bishop Arthur J. Moore of the Methodist Church, the late Dr. Charles S. Johnson of Fisk University, the late Dr. Howard W. Odum of the University of North Carolina, Dr. Rufus E. Clement of Atlanta University, and Mr. Ralph McGill of the Atlanta Constitution. Neither the James E. Jackson in question or anyone else bearing that name was involved in this organization at its founding or at any other time. The Council has never been influenced by communists or had the slightest sympathy for communist doctrine.

Any sober scrutiny of its record will confirm this fact.

The uninformed and generally irresponsible nature of Mr. Johnson's testimony is illustrated by his reference, in connection with the Southern Regional Council, to Bishop Arthur J. Moore. According to the Times Picayune story, Mr. Johnson inaccurately identified Bishop Moore, one of the leading and most widely known bishops of the Methodist Church, as a Negro. This inaccuracy is typical of his testimony on the larger and more important matters mentioned above. The most charitable conclusion that one can reach is that he confused the Southern Regional Council with some altogether different organization.

It is distressing to see a legislative body of the State of Louisiana used as a forum for false and abusive charges against responsible and patriotic citizens, made by an ex-communist who apparently puts little value on the truth.

If, as one might hope, you should wish to rectify this abuse of your Committee, I am sure that you will find the true facts readily ascertainable.

Sincerely yours,

M. A. Wright
President

HCF/MAW/eab

March 12, 1957

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

Enclosed is a draft of the proposed letter to Louisiana State Senator Rainach, which we just discussed by telephone. It comes to you just as I have dictated it, without reworking. Therefore, feel free to call and indicate any and all changes that you think are desirable.

Also enclosed is a copy of the Times Picayune article reporting the offending testimony.

As you will recall, we propose to send this letter in its final form to Senator Rainach, to the Times Picayune, to Representative Francis E. Walter of the House Committee on Un-American Activities with a covering letter, and to each Board member and our affiliated state organizations.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encls.

P. S. With apologies for the afterthought, I have also dictated a draft letter to Mr. Walter for your scrutiny.

Dictated by Mr. Fleming/signed in absence

March 13, 1957

Mrs. Fannie Mayer Korn
875 Park Avenue
Apartment 8D
New York 21, New York

Dear Mrs. Korn:

Your contribution to the Southern Regional Council, on behalf of the Mayer family, is an act of great kindness and generosity, and I shall be everlastingly appreciative of it. Knowing as I do the special effort you made to arrange this gift, I shall feel a double responsibility to see that it is used wisely and effectively.

The contribution will be listed as you requested, and careful note will be made of the fact that this is a special, one-time gift. You may be sure that its value to the Council's work in the immediate situation is far greater than that of a much larger gift at a less pressing time.

Your contribution and several others from understanding persons have given us valuable time in which to work at longer range financing. While I daresay your story about the Juilliard School of Music and the New School will hold true for the Council, I trust we will never be quite so close to the brink again.

Please accept the official thanks of the Southern Regional Council, and know that you will have always my warmest appreciation and good wishes.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encl. SRC Official Receipt $500

March 13, 1957

Mr. Douglas Jackson,
Associate Professor,
Sociology of Religion,
Southern Methodist University
Dallas 5, Texas

Dear Mr. Jackson:

Thanks you for your letter of March 9, 1957. However, we are sorry that the January issue of New South was quickly sold out and we do not have copies available.

I do not know whether it was the entire issue or some particular article which struck your fancy, but you are welcome to reprint any article for your use. I am sending you a copy of another special report on "Pro-Segregation Groups in the South," which we could supply in mimeographed form at 10¢ per copy, if you so desire.

Again, thanks for your letter.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:cj
enclosure:

March 13, 1957

Miss Mae H. Ashworth,
Associate Editor, Dept. of Adult Work,
Joint Commission on Missionary Education,
The Friendship Press
257 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Miss Ashworth:

Thank you for your letter of March 12, 1957. We no longer have the Pamphlet, *Answers for Action*. However, we have a revised edition of this called, *Next Steps in the South*. We are mailing you a sample copy of this under separate cover. We do have an ample supply of this pamphlet and the price is 20¢ per copy.

Again, thanks for your interest.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:cj

separate cover:

March 13, 1957

Mr. William P. Fidler
American Association of
University Professors
1785 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Fidler:

We are enclosing a copy of our special report, "Pro-Segregation Groups in the South," and a copy of our January issue of New South which deals with this subject. If we can be of further help, please feel free to call on us.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/eab
Encls.

March 14, 1957

Mr. Ben Herzberg
579 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Herzberg:

The enclosed copy of my letter to Mr. Sklar carries with it my profound gratitude and that of the Southern Regional Council for your concern and invaluable help.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encl.

March 14, 1957

Mr. Ralph McGill
The Atlanta Constitution
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Ralph:

Since Gene Cook has announced his intention of giving some local circulation to the transcript of the Rainach hearings in Louisiana, I thought you would be interested in seeing copies of the two letters enclosed.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encls.

March 14, 1957

March 14, 1957

Mr. Milton C. Vigo
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

Here is a copy of our letter to Rainach. We are sending a copy of it to the Times-Picayune, with the suggestion that they publish it.

I appreciate your advising us on this matter and hope you will keep us posted on any subsequent developments, including the publication of our letter.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encl.

March 14, 1957

Mr. Arnold Forster
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
515 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Arnold:

Enclosed are a clipping from the Times-Picayune and a copy of our letter of protest to Louisiana Senator W. M. Rainach. As you will see, one Manning Johnson testified wildly about the NAACP and other groups, including the Southern Regional Council.

In and of itself, this circus in New Orleans is of little importance and wouldn't warrant much attention. However, Georgia's Attorney General Gene Cook has been quoted in the Atlanta paper as saying that he is going to circulate transcripts of the testimony given in New Orleans since "several Georgia groups" were "exposed."

I have some recollection, which I can't pin down, that Manning Johnson got pretty thoroughly discredited for some of his earlier professional witnessing. Do you have background on Johnson in your files or readily available to you? If so, I would greatly appreciate your sharing it with me.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/emb
Encl.

March 14, 1957

Mr. Albert W. Dent
Dillard University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Al:

Enclosed are copies of two letters -- one to State Senator Rainach and one to U. S. Representative Francis E. Walter. I conferred with Marion Wright and Rufus Clement about Manning Johnson's wild charges and we concluded that it would be well to set the record straight in this fashion. A copy of the letter to Rainach is being sent to the Times-Picayune.

One reason we are giving the matter this much attention is that Georgia's Attorney General Eugene Cook, who was present for some of the hearings in New Orleans, has announced that he will distribute the transcripts to state officials and legislators of Georgia. Fantastic as the charges are, we want to be prepared to deal with them vigorously.

We won't give our letter any wider publicity than the Times-Picayune unless Johnson's charges against SRC receive more general publicity.

I trust that this handling of the matter will meet with your approval.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encl.

bc: Mr. Wright

March 14, 1957

Miss Margaret McCulloch
358 Whitford Place
Memphis 6, Tennessee

Dear Miss McCulloch:

We are very happy to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 1st and greatly appreciate your contribution. We also endorse completely your very kind expressions as to George Mitchell.

Reluctantly, we must agree that, in spite of all our efforts, the organizing job has not been perfectly done. I am sure that you will understand that the mass pressures against the thing that we are trying to do in the South, pressures which are liberally financed and shrewdly directed, have made the task of organizing the progressive forces of the South a far graver one than any of us could have anticipated.

We do feel that the tide is beginning to turn. The violence and lawlessness which have characterized the segregationist movement are now beginning to awaken many Southerners to the fact that they can no longer remain neutral.

Thoughtful letters such as yours will spur us into redoubling our efforts.

Yours sincerely,

M. A. Wright
President

MAW/eab

March 14, 1957

The Editor
Times-Picayune
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Sir:

The enclosed copy of a letter from our President to State Senator W. M. Rainach concerns certain charges made against our organization during the recent hearings of the Joint Legislative Committee and publicized in your newspaper. In the interest of fairness, I am sure you will wish to publish the text of Mr. Wright's letter.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encl.

cc: Mr. Ben Herzberg

March 14, 1957

Mr. Solomon I. Sklar
President
The New-Land Foundation, Inc.
579 Fifth Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Sklar:

I can't tell you how grateful we are for the generous grant of $2500 from the New-Land Foundation. It strengthens the work of the Southern Regional Council immeasurably at this time of special need and unusually heavy demand in the South.

My meeting with you and Mr. Herzberg was a most pleasant interlude in an otherwise arduous week in New York. Your sympathetic understanding of this work and its importance was a great encouragement.

I am enclosing our official receipt and will take the liberty of sending you from time to time some account of our progress.

With appreciation and warm regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encl.

March 14, 1957

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

We are receiving a small number of contributions of $25 and more for the George S. Mitchell Tribute Fund. It would seem appropriate to send these contributors a personal note as well as the usual official receipt. And, since these contributions are directed to you as President of the Council, we feel it would be best if this note bore your signature.

We are enclosing the draft of such a note for your approval. This note will be sent to all GSM Fund contributors of $25 or more. In turn, we will send you a list of all such persons.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/eab
Encl.

March 14, 1957

Mrs. Michael Shapiro, Chairman,
Planning Committee
B'Nai B'rith Women's Supreme Council
National Women's Conference on Inter-group Relations
5112 New Hampshire Avenue
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mrs. Shapiro:

Your letter with the Program of the National Women's Conference on Inter-group Relations came to me today.

As soon as I have time to check schedules, I will fill out the form showing you what time I will arrive.

Deeply appreciative of the invitation to share in your Conference, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly,
Director of Women's Work

MET:cj

March 14, 1957

Miss Mary Alice Baldinger,
Executive Director,
National Civil Liberties Clearing House
1637 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Miss Baldinger:

Mr. Fleming has passed on to me your request for materials and/or bibliographies concerning our pamphlets. I am very sorry but we have very little free literature that is not already available to you. I understand that you are getting the publication, "What is Happening in School Integration."

However, we are mailing you 150 copies of a bibliography concerning some of our materials which we would like enclosed in any packets.

Thank you, and best wishes for your April Conference.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:cj

March 14, 1957

Mrs. Sally Eckell,
Jewish Community Relations Council,
260 South 15th Street
Philadelphia 2, Pennyslvania

Dear Mrs. Eckell:

Miss Mary Alice Baldinger of the National Civil Liberties Clearing House has written to us concerning your request for copies of "Pro-Segregation Groups in the South." We are mailing you under separate cover copies of of this report.

Cost for this is 5¢ per copy plus postage. A bill is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:cj

March 14, 1957

State Department of Education
Frankfort, Kentucky

Gentlemen:

We are interested in the number of new classrooms and new teachers needed in our various states.

Would appreciate it very much if you would send to us the number of classrooms and teachers needed to fill your requirements for the year 1957-58.

We would also appreciate it if you would give us a copy of your school attendance laws.

Thanking you in advance for this information and asking for a prompt reply.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly,
Director of Women's Work

MET:cj

March 14, 1957

State Welfare Department
Frankfort, Kentucky

Gentlemen:

We are making a study of Court Protection for children. Would like very much if you would let us know how many counties and what counties in Kentucky have Juvenile Courts and Probation Officers.

Would appreciate it also if you could give your your leaflet on aid given to dependent children.

As I will need this information by the last of next week, I would appreciate it if you would give me an immediate reply.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly,
Director of Womem's Work

MET:cj

March 14, 1957

The Honorable Francis E. Walter
The House Committee on Un-American Activities
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Walter:

I am taking the liberty of sending to you, in your capacity of Chairman of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, the enclosed copy of a letter to State Senator W. M. Rainach of Louisiana.

It is our understanding that on occasion the House Committee on Un-American Activities incorporates into its files material developed by state legislative committees concerned with these matters. We thought that it would be both proper and desirable, therefore, for you to be alerted to the demonstrably false and irresponsible testimony discussed in the attached letter.

If this testimony or similar charges should at any time come within the purview of your Committee, we respectfully urge that you make your own determination of the facts. In this way, responsible and patriotic citizens will be spared needless injury, and your Committee will safeguard itself against victimization by an uninformed and unscrupulous accuser.

The Southern Regional Council will be glad at any time to cooperate in sober efforts to establish the truth of its origin, history, and activities.

Sincerely,

M. A. Wright
President

MAW/emb

Encl.

March 15, 1957

Mrs. Lucius R. Eastman
121 Marmaroneck Road
Scarsdale, New York

Dear Mrs. Eastman:

We are in receipt of your letter of March 12th and the list of subscribers to New South. As you instructed, we will see that each of these persons receive both last month's and the current issue of the magazine. If there are special issues of the past year in which you might be interested, we will be happy to supply them.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/eab

March 15, 1957

Mr. Davis McEntire
Research Director
Commission on Race and Housing
2180 Milvia Street
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Dave:

I thought you would be interested in seeing the enclosed letter written to me a short time ago by Phil Hammer. Phil's understanding of our plans, as explained in the first sentence, is a little exaggerated. We have a deep concern for the question of house supply for Negroes in the South, but can hardly claim that we are developing a long-run program.

What I am hoping is that the results of your studies may provide the stimulus for the development of such a program under some appropriate auspices. I shall be looking forward to your publications and hope you will keep me posted on the prospects for further activities by the Commission on Race and Housing.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encl.

cc: Frank Loescher

March 15, 1957

Mr. Howard G. McClain
Executive Director
Christian Action Council
1420 Lady Street
Columbia 1, South Carolina

Dear Howard:

It was very thoughtful of you to write me such a warm and sustaining letter. The only thing that could have prompted me to accept so heavy a responsibility was my feeling that the Council would have the continued support and assistance of people like yourself throughout the region.

I hope that I will see you again before much longer.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

March 15, 1957

Mr. Edward Reed
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
Sixty East Forty-Second Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Ed:

I have had a letter from Mary Alice Baldinger inquiring about the possibility of getting 200 copies of Integration North and South (free!) for distribution at the forthcoming Civil Liberties Clearing House Conference.

We have enough copies left out of our consignment to supply them, but the Council is not in very good shape to bear this cost. You may feel that the Fund has distributed all the complimentary copies it cares to, but I pass the request along for your consideration.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

March 15, 1957

Miss Mary Alice Baldinger
Executive Director
National Civil Liberties Clearing House
1637 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mary Alice:

Thanks for the copies of the program and for your last letter.

I agree whole-heartedly that the program is provocative. The word that popped into my mind when I first saw it was "impressive" -- so much so that I wondered what I was doing there.

I am glad that the Fund is supplying the *Public Affairs Pamphlet*. All I can suggest about Integration *North and South* is that I write Ed Reid at the Fund and raise the question with him again. This I will do.

We would be very glad to have you invite representatives of the state councils on human relations affiliated with SRC. Enclosed is a list of state offices.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encl.

March 15, 1957

Mr. Ralph E. Purcell
Visiting Professor
Woodrow Wilson Department
of Foreign Affairs
University of Virginia
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear Ralph:

It was mighty good to hear from you again after these several years. You are right that the work hasn't grown any easier, but I think that in some ways it has become more satisfying and, God help us, perhaps more effective.

I hope you are finding some appropriate ways to make your own considerable skill felt in the Charlottesville situation. As you no doubt know, the Charlottesville-Albermarle Council on Human Relations is a local chapter of our Virginia affiliate.

It would be good to see you again. If you see a chance to get to Atlanta, don't miss it.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

cc & incoming to EFV

March 15, 1957

Mr. Harry Fleischman
National Labor Service
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Harry:

Thanks for the minutes of the Mass Media Committee meeting and your letter of March 13th. There is at least a good chance that I might be able to attend the next meeting on March 28th. If I am in New York, you can be sure that I will make it, fund-raising chores or not.

I have passed on your letter to Emory, and I am sure you will be hearing from him shortly about the results of his meeting of labor people.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

bc: PA - for appropriate notation

March 15, 1957

Mrs. J. C. Swidler
Corresponding Secretary
Fellowship House of Knoxville, Inc.
Box 725
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Swidler:

Mr. Wright has asked me to acknowledge your good letter of March 12th.

Nothing could be more pleasing to us than to learn that Fellowship House is planning to establish a George Mitchell Scholarship Fund for its summer camp. This is a generous and fitting tribute, far exceeding in service to our common aims a one-time contribution to the Fund which we have established.

I know that Dr. Mitchell will be grateful for this action.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

March 15, 1957

Mr. Harold R. Isaacs
Research Associate
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
50 Memorial Drive
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Isaacs:

I would be very much interested in discussing with you your plans for an inquiry into the impact and influence of international affairs on race relations in this country.

I am planning to be in New York City during the last week of this month, probably the 27th through the 29th. If you will let me know when it will be possible for you to come down, I will set aside the appropriate time. Perhaps we could make it for either lunch or dinner on one of those days.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

March 15, 1957

Miss Florence Sytz
The Tulane University
School of Social Work
New Orleans 19, Louisiana

Dear Miss Sytz:

I am pleased that you have found "The South of Promise" a useful statement for interesting new people in our work. We are sending twenty-five copies separately. We expect to have more later on, so if you find that you have further needs, let us know.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

cc & incoming to PA - for appropriate notation

March 15, 1957

Dr. M. LaFayette Harris
President
Philander Smith College
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Dr. Harris:

Mr. Wright has asked me to acknowledge with deep appreciation your letter of March 11th and your pledge of $30.00 to the George S. Mitchell Tribute Fund. We are all most grateful.

Through an oversight, the check you refer to in your letter was not enclosed.

We have noted the names of the persons whom you suggest as possibly being interested in New South.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

March 15, 1957

Bishop Henry W. Hobson
Diocese of Southern Ohio
The Episcopalian Church
412 Sycamore Street
Cincinnati 2, Ohio

Dear Bishop Hobson:

We have received your letter of March 11th and read it with considerable interest. It was a pleasure to provide you with the data about the Koinonia Farm situation. We sent a copy of the same material to Neal Tarplee also. From what we have heard down here the Reverend Mr. McCrackin is a fine person and a dedicated individual who keeps [redacted] of current developments in the field of human relations. Certainly Cincinnati is lucky to have such a person living in that city.

I was interested that you said that you have run into a good many rather "sticky" Episcopalians from the diocese of South Florida. I too have run into some rather "sticky" Episcopalians down there, but don't happen to be one myself. I had an interesting run-in once upon a time with a member of the clergy when I proclaimed I was a liberal Episcopalian. He said he had heard of high church and low church, but not the liberal church, and asked for an explanation. I explained that in the liberal Episcopal church the laity did not believe in being under the thumb of the clergy. The poor chap didn't speak to me for nearly two weeks.

If we can be of any further help to you please let us know. As new developments take place in Koinonia and we find out about them, we will be glad to forward them to you.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

March 15, 1957

Mr. James C. Evans
Civilian Aide to
The Secretary of Defense
Pentagon Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Jim:

Thank you very much for your pamphlet, "Integration in the Armed Services," which you co-authored with Lieut. Colonel Lane. I found the pamphlet interesting and helpful. I wonder if it would be possible to secure additional copies - say 25 - for distribution to our state offices and a few other key people in the South.

Jim, there's a question I would like to explore with you sometime in more detail, when I personally receive more details from several members of the armed forces who have written me. The problem is off-base educational facilities for servicemen. In several instances it has been reported to me that the colleges offer courses with the cooperation and even in conjunction with one of the branches of the armed forces for enlisted men. In the South, this is meant for white enlisted men. I question the wisdom, and indeed, the practicability of such policy. If it is not possible to offer integrated classes in the various colleges that are close by the various bases of the armed forces in the South, would it not be far better to conduct those courses on the base and bring the professor in to teach the class? In this way you could hold integrated classes. I do not believe the armed forces of the United States should be a party to maintaining segregation. Since I know you feel that way too, I would like to discuss it further with you as I ascertain some of the facts involved and receive some specific examples of where this has happened.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

March 15, 1957

Rabbi Philip Shnairson
Temple Israel
Cathcart at Ridgewood
Orlando, Florida

Dear Phil:

I want to thank you and the other good people in Orlando for the many courtesies extended me while I was there. More important to me, of course, than the courtesies was the obviously sincere friendship that was also extended.

I hope you feel that my trip down there was worth the expense and that in some way we contributed to the understanding of the clergy in that committee. I personally believe that the trip was worth while, for the response of the two audiences demonstrated the thoughtfulness of the participants.

With a team like Father Dickman, John Fuller, and you, I look for great things to happen in Orlando. I got a paper the morning after the speech and thought that Pat Pinkerton had done a pretty good job. Certainly the young lady is favorably inclined to our position.

Thanks once more for all that you did for me down there and for your interest in the field of human relations.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

P.S. If the newspaper makes any editorial comment on the story, would you please send it to us, or if any letters-to-the-editor, either pro or con, are written, would you please clip them and send them to us?

March 15, 1957

Rev. Edwin G. Kloppe, Executive Director
Texas Commission on Race Relations
504 West Twenty-Fourth Street
Austin, Texas

Dear Ed:

I am enclosing an application for membership from a person out in Dallas. It just goes to show that it pays to be an affiliate of the S.R.C.

I look forward to seeing you in the not too distant future, when we hold the state staff conference here in Atlanta. The date has not yet been determined, but will be in the next day or two and you will hear from us.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

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FBR:mm

Enclosure

March 15, 1957

Mr. Galen A. Martin, Executive Director
Kentucky Council on Human Relations
208 West Main Street
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Galen:

We have received and read with considerable interest the publication of the Kentucky Council entitled, "Toward Integration." Would you please send us five more copies? We want to send two of them to the Fund and one of them to Mr. Wright, our president. The others are for our permanent files. I think this is a job extremely well done, and you are to be congratulated for putting out such a fine document.

We look forward to seeing you in the not too distant future, when we hold the state staff conference down here in Atlanta. It is my hope that you will still be with the Kentucky Council at that time, even though the other job seems promising, but of course the decision must be yours and yours alone.

Best personal regards.

Warmly,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

March 15, 1957

Mr. John W. Alexander
American Friends Service Committee
P. O. Box 1307
High Point, North Carolina

Dear John:

This is just a note to acknowledge your very thoughtful and detailed letter. I want to share it with John Hope and C. H. Parrish this afternoon when they come, and then on Monday or Tuesday of the next week I will write you in detail about the various topics you bring up.

I think you made a very substantial contribution at Charlottesville.

Best personal regards.

Cordially yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

March 15, 1957

Mrs. E. H. Spearman, Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

You asked in a recent letter if it was all right if you supplied Art Levin, of the A.D.L. office here in Atlanta, with a copy of the monthly report of the South Carolina Council. The answer is we see absclutely no objection to it; the matter is entirely within your discretion, so, as they say at the Fund for the Republic, feel free.

I look forward to seeing you in the near future at the state staff conference to be held here in Atlanta. The date has not been definitely set yet, but will be in the next day or two, and all of our state staff people will be notified.

Best personal regards to you and Jim.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

March 15, 1957

Mr. Milton C. Vigo, Executive Director
Louisiana Council on Human Relations
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

We have received the February edition of the News and Views of the Louisiana Council on Human Relations, your newsletter. I note in the section headed Camille Gravel Statement that you urge members to write Mr. Gravel and congratulate him on his fine stand that intelligence, caution, and moderation, not hysteria, emotion, and slander, are needed to solve our gravest problem of the century. You then go on to explain that Mr. Gravel voted with the Democratic National Advisory Council calling on Congress to put the party's civil rights platform into effect. At this point you spill over into political activity.

You will recall our memo on political activity, and I suggest you dig it out of the files and re-read it carefully. We must scrupulously avoid political activity. Mr. Wright, SRC's president, just questioned the activities of another state council for a much milder statement than that which you made in the Louisiana Council newsletter.

Congratulations on the appointment to teach the course, The South: Its Fateful Challenge, out at Loyola. I think this is a valuable contribution in the field. I look forward to seeing you in the not too distant future when the state staff conference is held here in Atlanta. The definite date has not yet been set, but will in the next day or so, and all people will be notified of this.

Best regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

March 15, 1957

Mr. Edward Gamarekian
4440 Chef Menteur Hwy.
New Orleans, La.

Dear Mr. Gamarekian:

I am enclosing the county-by-county registration figures compiled by our consultants during the summer of 1956 in Alabama, Georgia, and North Carolina. The lack of figures for a North Carolina county does not mean that no Negroes were registered. Our consultant was not able to secure these figures or a racial breakdown of the registrants.

The data for Mississippi was secured from a secondary source and is for 1954. We were unable to secure 1956 registration figures. There have been many reports that Negro registration has decreased, but we cannot supply accurate registration data for Mississippi in 1956.

I am sorry that the final report on our voting survey has not been completed.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

March 15, 1957

Miss Barbara Koesy
3441 N.W. 16th Terrace
Miami, Florida

Dear Miss Koesy:

The pamphlet you ordered, "Unity Begins at Home," is not published by our Organization.

Enclosed is a descriptive folder of the Southern Regional Council and five of the publications we distribute.

If we can be of any help to you, please don't hesitate to write.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:cj

enclosures:

March 15, 1957

Mrs. E. P. Farris
265 Ludford Street
Ludlow, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Faris:

Please let me know just what time the class will close, in order that I may make my reservations back home.

I am enclosing a copy of some facts on myself as you suggested. The photograph is under separate cover.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly,
Director of Women's Work

MET:cj

enclosure:

March 15, 1957

Mrs. Candler Tatum
2422-15th Avenue, South
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Noreen,

I regret that I had to leave before the meeting was over. But because I had been sick, Mr. Tilly insisted that I come home before night.

If your secretary took good notes and if we can get Mrs. Williams' worship service and all of the little slips of paper on which people were to state what they would do when they returned home and also the names and addresses of people attending, we will mimeograph these Gleanings and mail them out to your people.

I hope you had enough money to re-imburse you for postage, mimeographing, extra lunches as well as money for the travel expenses of your people. If you did not, I think I could find some more for you. If you had any left over, you can send it in.

You had a good Workshop and as usual, I came home from Alabama very much encouraged. Please accept my thanks.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly,
Director of Women's Work

MET:cj

March 18, 1957

Mr. Walter P. Reuther, President
U.A.W.
Solidarity House
8000 East Jefferson Avenue
Detroit 14, Michigan

Dear Mr. Reuther:

We are deeply grateful to you and to the International Executive Board for the U.A.W.'s generous contribution to the work of the Southern Regional Council. I need hardly tell you that we regard the U.A.W. as one of the most valuable forces in the effort to achieve a desegregated society, and we value your continuing friendship and support more than I can say.

We have just completed a very successful regional conference of labor leadership held here in Atlanta. It was greatly strengthened by the able representation from the U.A.W.

With appreciation and all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:mm

Enclosure: Official Receipt

March 18, 1957

Mr. Chester A. Just
Lloyd Avenue & Easy Street
Nixon, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Just:

Thank you for your letter of March 7th and your invitation to participate in the forthcoming Academic Weekend.

You have a most impressive program planned, and I should be happy to take part in the panel discussion you have designated. I am a little concerned, however, that I might be sailing under false colors. While the terms "gradualist" and "moderate" are relative, it is unlikely that many people in the South would regard me as a fitting spokesman for that point of view as they understand it. Another way of putting it would be that, while Thurgood Marshall and I might because of our differing roles in the situation emphasize different techniques of achieving compliance with the Supreme Court decision, I doubt that there is any striking contrast in our fundamental views. Virginius Dabney, on the other hand, represents a much more conservative and genuinely "Southern moderate" point of view. It may be that you are looking for his equivalent for the second panel, in which case I should have to disqualify myself, though I should be glad to suggest various alternative possibilities.

In order to make this more specific, I am enclosing a copy of the Southern Regional Council's pamphlet, "Next Steps in the South." This booklet expresses generally the point of view of the Council and also my own. If this is the kind of viewpoint you wish represented on your second panel, let me know at your earliest convenience and I will set aside the dates April 26th and 27th.

In any case you have our congratulations on a well planned program and best wishes for its success.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:mm

Enclosure: "Next Steps in the South"

March 18, 1957

Mr. Howard D. Roberts
712 Park Drive
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Howard:

We were glad to hear that an Executive Committee meeting had been called to consider the problems that have arisen in the Florida Council. I very much hope that the meeting was a constructive occasion and that a generally satisfactory resolution of the difficulties was reached.

I did indeed receive your letter and the accompanying information dated March 6th. I hadn't written you again because I was waiting to see what further action would be taken there. Of course, I did call Caxton Doggett and discuss the matter with him as I told you I would.

I am passing your letter along to Mrs. Alexander, so that she may note your instructions as to mailing address.

I shall look forward to hearing from you again soon. Meanwhile, best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:mm

March 18, 1957

Mr. Hollis Rinehart
The Ingrahm Building
Miami, Florida

Dear Hollis:

You will recall that I wrote you a week or so ago about a student who was expelled from Florida State University.

I have just received a letter from a man in New York City asking about the firing of Professor Earl L. Vance of the Department of Journalism at F.S.U. This letter raised the question about the causes for his discharge and stated he felt the case warrented further inquiry.

Again, I do not know the underlying issues, but it disturbs me that one of our Florida universities has twice been brought to the attention of civil libertarians on the national level and that two different people would direct inquiries about happenings in Tallahassee to our office. As a member of the State Board of Control I thought you would be concerned.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

March 18, 1957

Mr. Michael Straight
c/o New Republic
1224 - 19th Street
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mike:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter received last week from Fannie Mayer Korn, enclosing a check for $500.00.

I had a delightful hour with her and found her exactly the kind of frank and consCientious person you described. Needless to say, I am grateful to you and Gil Harrison for suggesting her and providing me with a pleasant experience as well as very tangible assistance to the Council.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:mm

Enclosure

March 18, 1957

Miss Anna Lord Strauss
27 East 69th Street
New York, New York

Dear Miss Strauss:

It is with the deepest sense of appreciation that I send to you the Southern Regional Council's official receipt for your generous contribution. We value your continuing friendship and support more than I can say.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:mm

Enclosure: Official Receipt

March 18, 1957

Mr. Vernon A. Eagle
Executive Director
The New World Foundation
120 South La Salle Street, Room 1865
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Vernon:

It gives me much pleasure to acknowledge receipt of the first half of the New World Foundation's grant for 1957. Our official receipt is enclosed.

I am awfully glad you got a chance to meet George and Alice Mitchell before they set sail for Scotland. Word from you of the New World Foundation's grant and generally favorable view of the Council's work was about as good a send-off as they could have had.

The consultation with the Bryson City school board comes off next week. We secured the services of the Fayette County, Kentucky, school superintendent and a very able local social scientist who advised on the school desegregation in that city. It gives us all a good deal of satisfaction to have a hand in the shaping of an official plan in one of the first cities in North Carolina to move in this direction, however tentatively and off-the-record that action is.

With appreciation and all best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:sm
Enclosure: Official Receipt

March 18, 1957

Mr. Edwin J. Lukas
The American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Ed:

We have just received a contribution of $2,500.00 from the New Land Foundation, sent by Soloman Sklar, who is the president of the Foundation. This, of course, is a result of my talk with Mr. Herzberg and Mr. Sklar. I have written to both of them, expressing the thanks of the Council for this important help at a time of great need. I needn't tell you how much I appreciate your help and that of Irving Engel in making this possible.

I haven't heard from Mr. Herzberg directly, and I am not sure whether or not this represents the sum total of what he felt he could do to assist the Council. I will let you know when and if I hear from him on this point, and meanwhile will appreciate any information that may come your way.

I have not as yet taken any action with respect to William Rosenwald or Adele Levy, since I've felt that it would be much better to see them, rather than merely to write them. I'm to take part in a conference at Arden House on Monday and Tuesday, March 25 and 26. I am planning to put in the remainder of the week, the 27th through the 29th, in New York. Mrs. Levy, according to my information, will be away, but if you could arrange an appointment for me with William Rosenwald, that would be tremendously helpful. You will remember that Marion Ascoli promised to speak to him, as well as Mrs. Levy, about the Council. Your intercession by making the appointment should make my entree complete.

I have written you previously, following up your suggestion that it might be a good thing for me to have some time with Mr. Kaplan. I will depend entirely on your advice as to this. If you feel that it is both desirable and possible, I'll be grateful if you will try to arrange an interview.

In addition to all this needful business, I hope you and I can have some time together during those three days to talk about program. Things have shaken down sufficiently so that we can look to the future with some concreteness. I should like very much to strengthen the cooperative efforts that we can make together.

As soon as you have had a chance to consider these various requests, please call me collect and let me know what will be possible. I am looking forward to seeing you again.

With appreciation and warm regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:mm

March 18, 1957

Mr. David F. Freeman
Vice President
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Dave:

Most thoughtful of you to send along the AAFRC pamphlet containing Max Hahn's speech and the names of the fund-raising outfits. No sophisticate I! I found a good deal to chew on in Hahn's remarks. And I want to explore the two firms suggested as soon as possible.

Vernon Eagle wrote me that he chanced to be in your office when George and Alice Mitchell showed. That was a happy coincidence.

We're deep in program and budgets, looking to the future. Meanwhile, I am to take part in an Arden House conference sponsored by the Better Schools group next Monday, the 25th. I plan to put in all or most of the remainder of the week in New York. I will call you Tuesday, the 26th, to see when we can get together. If I can be useful to you in any way while I'm there, let me know.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:mm

March 18, 1957

Miss Kathleen Cheape,
Serials Assistant,
University of North Carolina Library
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Miss Cheape:

We are mailing you, under separate cover, some copies of New South as per your request of March 8, 1957. This is not a complete set of New South but is as nearly complete as we have copies on hand.

The bill for these publications is enclosed.

Thank you very kindly for your order.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:cj

separate cover:
enclosure:

March 18, 1957

Washington Star
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed is one dollar ($1.00) in stamps. Please send us as many copies of the March 3rd edition of the Star as this will cover.

Thank you very kindly.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:ej

enclosure:

March 18, 1957

Miss Elisabeth Achelis
1 East 66th Street
New York 21, New York

Dear Miss Achelis:

Thank you very much for sending us a copy of your Manuscript, "To the White Man, American Indian and Negro." However, we are sorry that we can not print it at this time. While I think your article most interesting, I do not believe it fits the type of material we are specializing in at the moment.

Two suggestions as to publication editors who might like to see this article are those of the Presbyterian Outlook and Christian Century.

With very best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:ej

enclosure:

Attached letter to Executive Committee.

March 18, 1957

Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond 22, Virginia

Dear Mr. Williams:

Dates have been suggested for the April Executive Committee meeting to be held in Atlanta. These are either April 16th and 17th or April 17th and 18th. These dates have been chosen in accordance with your earlier wishes of having a choice of dates and of avoiding weekend meetings.

Will you please indicate on the enclosed card which, if either, of these dates is convenient to you. As soon as we have heard from all members of the Committee you will be informed of the date which is most convenient for the majority.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/hs

March 18, 1957

Miss Justine Wise Polier
Women's Division, American Jewish Congress
Stephen Wise Congress House
15 East 84th Street
New York 28, New York

Dear Miss Polier:

I have marked my appointment calendar for May 7th with the following notation, "Women's Division, American Jewish Congress, Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D.C." I shall be very pleased to speak to the Women's Division on the challenge of integration as it affects the education of our children. Thank you for the kind words about my work in this field. I shall be in correspondence with you later with some suggested topics which I would like to cover in this speech.

I hate to mention this, but we are running short of funds in our travel budget and it will be necessary for my expenses to be covered.

Please let me hear from you.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

March 19, 1957

Meridian Books
17 Union Square West
New York 3, New York

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed is our check for $76.25, representing remittance for 305 copies of Integration North and South at the quantity rate of 25¢ each. One hundred ninety copies of the book have been shipped to you by Railway Express, in accordance with my telephone conversation with Mr. Edward Reed of the Fund for the Republic.

According to our records, the books shipped separately and the enclosed remittance, together with our earlier remittance to you for 505 copies, accounts in full for the consignment of 10,000 copies originally made to the Southern Regional Council.

The copies we are returning to you separately are for use in filling back-logged orders for the booklet.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encl.

bc: Mr. Edward Reed

March 19, 1957

Mr. Frank S. Loescher
414 South Forty-Sixth Street
Philadelphia 43, Pennsylvania

Dear Frank:

I am to be in New York next week following an Arden House conference on Monday. I should be in New York City by or before noon Tuesday and plan to be there most or all of the remainder of the week.

I hope we can have some time together. I have already written Dave to let him know that I will be there.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

March 19, 1957

Mr. Maxwell Hahn
The Field Foundation, Inc.
250 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Hahn:

I am to be in New York next Tuesday, March 26th, and probably for several succeeding days. Would it be possible for me to see you in mid-afternoon Tuesday? If not perhaps you could set aside some time on Wednesday or Thursday.

Dave Freeman sent me a copy of your excellent speech to the Association of Fund-Raising Counsel and wrote me of his conversation with you. I profited greatly both from the speech and from the advice which Dave passed along.

I shall call your office when I reach New York to see if it will be possible for me to see you.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

March 19, 1957

Mrs. Ruby Lyells
1116 Montgomery Avenue
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Lyells:

We are sending to you, under separate cover, your original clippings concerning the Louisiana Testimonial, plus several copies that I ran off for you. I did not make copies of all of the clippings but copies of the pertinent articles are included.

With sincere best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:cj

separate cover:

March 19, 1957

Mrs. Patricia Harris,
Executive Director,
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority
1814 M. Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Harris:

The check for $92.11 has been received from your Treasurer. I regret very much that this caused so much confusion. Because I had bothered you about it for so long, I was in the act of writing to you telling you to forget it when the check was received.

Thank you very much and again, I apologize.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly,
Director of Women's Work

MET:cj

March 19, 1957

Dr. Earl Brewer
Candler School of Theology
Emory University
Emory University, Georgia

Dear Dr. Brewer:

Only an attack of 'flu has prevented me from expressing the thanks of the Women and my own personal appreciation for the time and services which you gave to the Fellowship of the concerned.

Please accept the thanks of all of us with deep appreciation for the great good you are doing for our Church. I remain,

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly,
Director Women's Work

MET:cj

March 19, 1957

Mrs. Mary Lena Wisehart
25 W. Villa Place
Fort Thomas, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Wisehart:

I will leave here Saturday evening on the L. & N. and will reach Covington about 8:00 A. M. Sunday. Please don't feel that you have to meet me at that hour. I can while away the time at the depot.

I regret that I have to land on you so many hours before our Class session but as I wrote to you, I have had quite a time with fog and planes lately so I am taking the train.

I am brining a good deal of stuff with me in the way of posters and materials which we ought to just leave at the Church.

One source of embarrassment to me is landing on a hostess on Sunday. I would write to her but I don't have a street address. I am looking forward to being with you and hope that the Class may be more than worthwhile.

I remain,

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly,
Director of Women's Work

MET:cj

March 19, 1957

Dr. Harry V. Richardson, President,
Gammon Theological Seminary
Atlanta 15, Georgia

Dear Dr. Richardson:

A Workshop in Alabama and a battle with 'flu has kept me away from the Office. Hence, the delay in answering your most gracious letter. If you have been a victim of this "bug" that so many of us have caught, you can know what a time I have had.

You can't imagine what a wonderful thing it was today to open your letter and find that you and Gammon thought that, in any way, I was worthy of an Award. I will accept it but it certainly makes me feel humble. I have tried to do something but as I look back over it, it seems that I am always on the losing side. But you and other poeple have helped me to keep at it.

I don't believe that I have ever seen Mr. Tilly so touched as he was over this Award. Really, he is the one who deserves it, if anyone does. He has been more than the power behind anything that I have tried to do. He has been faith personified and strength that is more than human.

I have appreciated yours and Mrs. Richardson's friendship through the years and it too, has given me strength when I might have been weak.

Under separate cover, I am mailing you the photograph and enclosed, you will find a sheet with some facts about myself.

Deeply grateful to you, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly,
Director of Women's Work

MET:cj
enclosure:

March 19, 1957

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Christopher Reynolds Foundation

FROM: Harold C. Fleming, Executive Director, Southern Regional Council

SUBJECT: Foreign Visitor Program

In September, 1956, the Christopher Reynolds Foundation made a grant of $5,000 to the Southern Regional Council to assist the Council's foreign visitor program. This aid has enabled the Council to do a much more thorough and systematic job in a field which is of considerable importance to international opinion, and to the leadership and prestige of the United States among the nations of the world.

By way of background, it may be noted that the Southern Regional Council has received an increasing flow of foreign visitors during the past several years, particularly since the Supreme Court's decision on school segregation in May of 1954. This was only natural in view of the attention, at home and abroad, focused on Southern race relations in the wake of the decision. Visitors from Asia and Africa have had a particularly acute interest in the way in which the United States is measuring up to its democratic principles at home. They as well as Europeans have wanted to visit the South, where the redefinition of the Negro's status has had the greatest impact.

In planning the itineraries of these visitors, the State Department, the Governmental Affairs Institute, and similar public and private agencies have looked to the Southern Regional Council as an information center and clearing house for these visitors travelling through the region. The Council has unique advantages in this respect. As a body of white and Negro Southerners working together for progress in race relations, it affords a unique example of positive interracial effort in the South.

The Council's professional staff is equipped to give emissaries from other lands a detailed and balanced picture of developments within the South, the historical background against which they must be seen, and future prospects. The Council's reference files, maps, publications, and other materials provide as much documentation as a visitor may wish — and often that is a great deal. The fact that the Council has affiliated interracial organizations in the various Southern states makes it possible to refer visitors to informed and sympathetic persons in whatever part of the region they may wish to visit.

When the Council submitted its request to the Christopher Reynolds Foundation last year, we faced a serious dilemma. We felt very keenly the importance of giving foreign visitors a mature and balanced experience in the South. At the same time, other demands upon the Council were also increasing as the strains of racial tension and controversy grew. The problem was how to give the proper amount of time and professional attention to the servicing of foreign visitors without unduly diverting from the program activities of the organization. The $5,000 grant gave us the added resources with which to strengthen our over-all staff work, so that this objective might be better achieved.

The attached financial statement is an estimate of how the Christopher Reynolds grant will have been used during the grant year. It should be pointed out, however, that the grant's fundamental importance has been in strengthening the total organization so that this special function could be properly carried out.

Also attached is a recent report of the various program activities which the Council carries on. These, particularly the information functions, are the underpinning of the foreign visitor program. Through them, we are able to provide the information that is so eagerly sought, and also to demonstrate the constructive efforts and developments which get such regrettably small play in the international press.

In order that the diversity and range of foreign visitors may be clearly seen, we are attaching a list of those received since January 1, 1956. (Visitors since the Christopher Reynolds grant was made are indicated by an asterisk.) It may be noted how many of these individuals are influential leaders and opinion makers in their native countries. They include government officials, newspaper editors, labor leaders, and businessmen.

On their return home, not only the newspapermen but often those of other professions write up their observations and reactions for publication in newspapers and magazines. Thus their findings and opinions may influence the views of many thousands of their fellow countrymen. We have been gratified by the fact that many of them communicate with the Council after they leave this country. We have had from many of them requests for more information on specific aspects of Southern race relations.

We hope that the several exhibits attached will convey some of the flavor of these often very satisfying experiences. When a foreign visitor leaves the Council, we almost invariably feel that we have contributed in some measure to a more sympathetic understanding of and friendship for this country. Even a slight contribution of this kind is tremendously important at this stage of world events, and we are deeply grateful to the Christopher Reynolds Foundation for making it possible.

HCF/esb
Encls.

ESTIMATED ALLOCATION OF GRANT
from the
CHRISTOPHER REYNOLDS FOUNDATION

September 1956 - September 1957

FOR FOREIGN VISITOR PROGRAM

Staff Services		
Briefing by senior staff members	$1,250	
Special servicing by information staff	1,500	
Scheduling and itinerary planning	900	
Clerical	500	$4,150
Hospitality and Transportation		600
Materials		250
TOTAL		$5,000

FOREIGN VISITORS SERVICED BY THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL
January 1, 1956 to January 31, 1957

Mr. Frank Tomney, Labor Party Representative, British Parliament

Mr. Keith Kyle, Foreign Correspondent for *The Economist*

Miss Susan King-Hall, Journalist, England

*Dr. Maldwyn Edwards, English Methodist Church, Birmingham, England

Miss Sarwat Qureshi, Chief Welfare Officer, Thal Development Authority, Jauharabad, Pakistan

Mr. Toshimitsu Fukada, Editor Nishinippon Shimbun, Fukuoka, Japan

*Mr. Donald A. C. Maclennan, Johannesburg, South Africa - teacher

Mr. Takashi Suzuki, Aichi Prefecture of Central Japan, Managing Editor of the Chubu Nippon Shimbun, Toyohashi City, Japan

Mr. Seetaka Hatanaka, President Minami-Nippon Shimbun and Radio Minaminippon

*Mr. R. C. Davis,c/o Balliol College, Oxford, England - student

* Mr. M. M. Hove, One of six African members of the Federal Assembly of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland

*Mr. Jan Olsson, Swedish newspaperman

Mr. Shiro Shimada, Chief Editor and Chief of the Reporting Department, Kumamoto Nichinichi Shimbun, Kumamoto City, Japan

Dr. O. D. Wolheim, Chairman of the Liberal Party, Capetown, South Africa

Lewis H. A. Frequin, Editor-in-Chief of the Gelderlander Press of Nijmegen, Bergon Dalsweg 466, Nijimegen

*Mr. Hans-Joachim W. Netzer, Deputy Chief, News Department, Bavarian Radio, Munich, Germany

*Lord Kinross, Newspaperman, *Punch*, England

John Burns Hynd, Labor member of the British Parliament, and a participant in the Foreign Leader Exchange Program of the Educational Exchange Service, U. S. Department of State. Middlesex, England

Drachkovitch Milorad, Burges-Belgium. Professor at the College of Europe.

Mr. Max Brauer, Hamburg, Germany. Former Lord Mayor of Hamburg

Mr. Hans Mensel, City Editor, Salsburgee Valksblott, Salsburg, Austria

Dr. Werner Imhoff, Journalist, Switzerland

*Mr. and Mrs. Frederick J. Van Wyk, Assistant Director, S. A. Institute of Race Relations, Johannesburg, Union of South Africa

Dr. Peter Kortweg, Washington, D. C. -- correspondent for ten Dutch newspapers.

Mr. Charles Pannell, Labor Member of Parliament, England

Mr. Seet Leong Seng, Senior Staff Clerk, Quantas Empire Airways, Ltd., Singapore

*Dr. Gustav Adolf Canaval, Chief Editor and co-Publisher of the Salsburger Nachricten, Salsburg, Austria

Mr. Chellappah Rasadural, Clerk, Sessions Court, Seremban, N. S. Malaya

Mr. Peter H. Chew, Student, Balliol College, Oxford, England

Dr. Georges Housiaux, Socialist member of the Chamber of Representatives, Belgium

Mr. George Thomas, Member of Chairman's Panel, House of Commons, London

*Reverend John Stuart, Amersfoort, Transvaal, South Africa

Mr. Seth Kobla Anthony, senior diplomatic post with Foreign Service of the Gold Coast, Africa

Mr. Gondikas, Athens, Greece

Mrs. Ai Kumi, Lawyer, Japan

Mr. Michael A. Foster, Student, Oxford, England

*Mr. Diarmid H. Cross, Old Ballikinrain, Baltron by Glasgow, Scotland

Mr. Kenneth Adams, Student, Oxford, England

Mr. Georges Brausch, Government Official, Belgian Congo

*Mrs. Mary Saran, Secretary of International Council of Social Democratic Women and on the editorial board of Socialist Commentary.

Mr. Tom Mboya, General Secretary of the Kenya Congress of Labor

Mr. Hans Rebstein, Businessman, Lusanne, Switzerland

*Dr. Paavo K. Kastari, Professor of Constitutional Law, University of Helsinki and, until recently, Solicitor General of the Finnish Parliament.

Mr. Roger Argentin, Montreuil S/Bois, France. National Union Secretary, F.O., Assistant Station Chief, Subway System of Paris.

Mr. Marcel Blonde, Paris XVI, Member, CGC, Chief Engineer (Electrical Service), Renault Automobile Plant in Billancourt (Seine)

Mr. Paul M. Bour, Montbeliard (Doubs), France. Member of Council, Federation of Engineers, CFTC, Chief Assistant, Mechanical Methods Department, Peugeot Automobile Plant in Sochaux

Mr. Rene J. DuFaud, Paris VIII, France. Member, French National Council Employees, Chief of Studies Department, Societe d'Organisation Generale.

Mr. Michael J. Lerolle, Paris VII, France. Ministry of Labor Executive.

Mr. Andre L. Lucas, Clamart (Seine), France. Head of Section for Study of Working Conditions and Automation, Renault Automobile Company in Billancourt

Mr. Andre M. Philbert, Paris. Administrative Officer, Ministry of Labor, Paris.

Mr. Lucien Roust, Asnieres (Seine), France. Member of Bureau, Federation of Metallurgy, FO, Executive of Chausson car body plant in Asnieres.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL
November 8-13, 1956

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Van Wyk
Assistant Director
South African
Institute of Race Relations

Thursday
November 8 — To be met at Atlanta Terminal Station by Dean B. R. Brazeal of Morehouse College, and housed at Atlanta University

9-9:30 a.m. — Mr. Van Wyk to speak at Morehouse Chapel. Afterwards they (Mr. and Mrs. Van Wyk) may visit classes as arranged by Dean Brazeal.

12:30-2:00 p.m. — Luncheon with African students - Atlanta University dining hall. The remainder of the afternoon and evening are unscheduled. Dean Brazeal will suggest opportunities for sight-seeing about the University and conversation with faculty members.

Friday
November 9

10:00 a.m (or as convenient)
Mr. and Mrs. Van Wyk to visit offices of SRC, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E. SRC will arrange for visits to Atlanta Urban League, the Atlanta Daily World, business institutions, and so on, in consultation with them. (Mr. Robert Thompson of the Urban League will be prepared to receive them during the morning, familiarise them with his agency, and show them some of the housing in the city.)

6:15 p.m. — Dr. Guy H. Wells, Director of the Georgia Council on Human Relations, will pick up Mr. and Mrs. Van Wyk at Atlanta University. Dr. Wells is to speak to a meeting of Negro ministers on race relations matters.

Saturday
November 10

10:00 a.m. — Dr. George S. Mitchell will call for Mr. and Mrs. Van Wyk at Atlanta University and move them to his home at 906 Lullwater Road. For the remainder of Saturday and Sunday, they will be in the charge of Dr. Mitchell.

Monday,
November 12

Dr. Mitchell will arrange conversation with local labor leadership.

Dean Brazeal will seek to arrange interviews with President Mays of Morehouse and President Clement of Atlanta University.

Tuesday
November 13

Mr. and Mrs. Van Wyk will be in the hands of the SRC staff, who will arrange such further appointments as they may wish, and who will provide transportation to the airport for them.

7:50 p.m. Leave Atlanta Union Station.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL
October 20-22, 1956

Mr. Hans-Joachim Netzer
Deputy Chief, News Department
Bavarian Radio

Saturday
October 20

12:43 p.m. Mr. Netzer arrives at the Atlanta airport. GSM will meet.

1:30 p.m. Talk with Walter and Eliza Paschall, 899 Briarcliff, N. W. Paschall is newscaster for Station WSB of Atlanta, and doubtless is an officer of that bradcasting company.

Later Mr. Netzer should again be at George Mitchell's home, 906 Lullwater Road, N. E., for further conversation.

Sunday
October 21

9:30 a.m. Mitchell is to produce Netzer at the First Congregational Church, 105 Courtland, N. E., (Courtland and Houston Streets), in Atlanta, and surrender Mr. Netzer into custody of Mr. William Gordon.

William Gordon is Editor of the Atlanta Daily World. Atlanta is unique in having a daily and a Negro newspaper. Gordon has had a distinguished honor in the form of scholarly work at Harvard University. Young fellow, in the current of things, and wise.

Mr. Netzer will attend Sunday School and probably church services at the First Congregational Church with Mr. Gordon, and go to Mr. Gordon's home for Sunday dinner. Later that afternoon will be fetched out to George Mitchell's house.

Monday
October 22

10:00 a.m. Mr. Netzer is to visit the Honorable Ben W. Fortson, Secretary of State of Georgia at the Georgia State Capitol. Mr. Fortson will be glad to answer questions re Georgia and Southern — and perhaps national — politics for Mr. Netzer.

Mr. Netzer would be welcome at any time on the Monday at the office of the Southern Regional Council, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E., where Mr. Fleming or George Mitchell, or others, will gladly provide Mr. Netzer with pamphlets on Southern matters, etc.

Monday
October 22 (continued)

12:00 noon	Mr. Netzer is to present himself at the German Consulate, Room 1310, Fulton National Bank Building, corner Marietta and Forsyth Streets (middle of Atlanta), to have lunch with the Consul, Mr. Karl Schoenbach.
1:45 p.m	Mr. Netzer is to repair to the Henry Grady Building, which lies immediately behind the Henry Grady hotel, 210 Peachtree Street, N. W., where he is to visit with Mr. William Herring, Manager of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra.
Evening	Mr. Netzer is to be present at a performance of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra. Mr. Gershon will pick you up at 7:50 p.m.

March 19, 1957

MEMO TO: Frederick B. Routh

FROM: Emory F. Via

Do state affiliates get the names and addresses of persons requesting information and other services from SRC? Couldn't such leads be checked against state lists for possible new contacts? Perhaps all replies from SRC should mention the appropriate state affiliate.

enclosed - financial statement also

March 19, 1957

Mr. Frank S. Loescher
~~414 South Forty-Sixth Street~~ A F R
~~Philadelphia 43, Pennsylvania~~ N.Y.C.

Dear Frank:

I thought you might be interested in seeing a copy of our progress report on the foreign visitor program as forwarded to the Christopher Reynolds Foundation.

I am not sure that I have told you of my very pleasant conversation with Jack Clareman while I was in New York. He suggested that the Foundation would be receptive to a request for a further grant this year in continued assistance of our work with foreign visitors.

Clareman spoke very highly of you, and we are very sensitive to the fact that it was you who paved the way for this grant in the first instance.

With appreciation and best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encl.

March 19, 1957

Mr. Joseph Haas
1116 First National Bank Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Haas:

Since Attorney General Cook has announced that he is requesting a transcript of the Louisiana hearings dealt with in the attached material, I thought I should send you a fairly complete set of the newspaper clippings and letters which we have written.

The copy of Mr. Wright's letter to Louisiana Senator Rainach was sent for publication to the Times-Picayune.

This is the grossest example yet of false charges against the SRC. It may well be that Mr. Cook would not wish to use testimony that can be shown so clearly to be perjured and irresponsible. But I thought it best to keep you fully informed of these developments.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encls.

March 19, 1957

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
Executive Director
Synagogue Council of America
110 West 42nd Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum:

I am writing you at the suggestion of Rabbi Philip Shnairson about the possibilities of a grant from the Synagogue Council of America to the Southern Regional Council.

Recently I had the pleasure of addressing the Clergymen's Subcommittee of the Orange County Council on Human Relations on the subject, "Integration and the South of Promise." The meeting was held at Temple Israel, Orlando, Florida; I came at the invitation of Phil Shnairson. There were fifty-five clergymen present, both white and Negro, and representing most Protestant denominations and the three branches of Judaism.

We had a lively discussion period following my presentation. The discussions and questions revolved around "What can we do?" rather than "What should we do?" The group seemed convinced that desegregation and integration were consistent with our Judaic-Christian heritage. White and Negro clergymen alike felt that religiously motivated leadership must take a more active role in speeding implementation of the Supreme Court's decision.

Several clergymen paid tribute to the various organizations, including SRC, working in this delicate field in the South. The question of how we finance our work was raised, and I explained that we received contributions from individuals, church groups, labor organizations, and foundations.

In conversation after the meeting, Phil asked me what religious groups contributed and I explained that the Methodist Church, the National Council of the Episcopal Church, and the Presbyterian Church gave a total of $4,200.00 annually. Phil then suggested that I write you to inquire whether it would be possible for the Synagogue Council of America to make a contribution to our work.

For your consideration I am enclosing two brief descriptive pieces on the Council and its work; and a copy of our proposed budget for the remainder of the fiscal year. I am sending you under separate cover several of our publications. We are a tax-exempt organisation and will be glad to furnish you with a copy of our letter of tax exemption.

These are desperate times in the South and it is most difficult to raise funds locally for work which challenges the segregation orthodoxy. But we are convinced that we shall prove in the South that a democratic society is capable of granting first class citizenship to all its people.

We, therefore, ask your consideration of this request for financial assistance. If you should like more information, we will be happy to send it.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

Enclosures

Following material forwarded to Rabbi Tannenbaum:

What's Happening in School Integration?

Three Views of the Segregation Decisions

New South, November, 1956

New South, September, 1956

New South, January, 1957

Changing Patterns in the New South

Next Steps in the South

March 20, 1957

Mr. Jack Clareman
Secretary
The Christopher Reynolds Foundation
3040 Salmon Tower Building
11 West Forty-Second Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Mr. Clareman:

Here is a progress report of our work with foreign visitors assisted by the Christopher Reynolds Foundation. As you suggested, I am sending four copies. I only fear that the report plus the exhibits may seem overly bulky; however, the gist of it is in the covering memorandum, and the hardier spirits may go into the exhibits as far as they care to.

We are deeply grateful for this support, and hope that the Council may continue to merit the confidence and help of the Christopher Reynolds Foundation.

It was a great pleasure meeting you when I was in New York a few weeks ago. I hope that I will be seeing you again in the not-too-distant future.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/ab
Encls.

March 20, 1957

Miss Dorothy Mitchell
Fund for the Advancement of Education
655 Madison Avenue
New York 21, New York

Dear Dorothy:

My what affectionate notes you write! My secretary has been looking askance at me every since the latest one came in.

Your small gathering sound real fine, except that the anonymity of this "friend" is disturbing. Is he or she factual and objective? My plane is scheduled to arrive in New York at about 8:30 Sunday night. If the Shoemakers and Weisses aren't too early-to-bed, I might be able to get in in time for some of the gaiety. I will call when I get in.

I am glad Ed Orr takes such a favorable view of me. Quid pro quo, you may pass on to him my view that he is an extremely able writer.

See you soon.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

March 20, 1957

Mr. Arnold Aronson
National Community Relations Advisory Council
Room 201
Nine East Thirty-Eighth Street
New York 16, New York

Dear Arnie:

Thanks for the minutes of the CCD Executive Committee meeting. I also received a copy of the Media Committee's minutes from Harry Fleischman.

I am going to be in New York next week from Tuesday afternoon probably 'til Friday. I have already written Harry that I hope to make the scheduled meeting of the Media Committee, and if there should be a meeting of the Executive Committee, I will try to make that too. I doubt, however, that you will want to try to arrange it this quickly.

In any case, I trust I will be seeing you.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

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Harold C. Fleming
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

March 20, 1957

The Reverend Mr. John Fuller
First Unitarian Church
Orlando, Florida

Dear John:

We have received your check for my expenses in coming to Orlando. I am glad that you all thought it was worth while for me to come at such a cost.

Were there any letters-to-the-editor or editorial comments about Pat's story on my speech? If so, would you please forward us copies of them? If you have material you want returned we have a reproducer and can make copies for our files and return the originals to you.

I hope your stop-over in Atlanta will be concurrent with one of my stop-overs in Atlanta. Actually, I'm not out of town quite that much.

Again, many thanks for everything.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

March 20, 1957

Mr. Howard Roberts
712 Park Drive
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Howard:

I have tried to keep a watchful eye on the developing situation in Florida. We were certainly pleased that there was an opportunity to thrash out the difficulties before the Executive Committee. Certainly your resignation is without prejudice on the part of the Florida Board and you know the high regard with which we hold you here.

Anything I can do to help you secure more permanent and stable employment, I will be happy to do. Please feel free to use my name as a reference and keep us informed of your plans and activities.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

March 20, 1957

Rabbi Philip Shnairson
Temple Israel
Cathcart at Ridgewood
Orlando, Florida

Dear Phil:

I followed up your suggestion and wrote Rabbi Tanenbaum, your old classmate, about the possibilities of a grant to SRC. Enclosed is a copy of that letter.

Thanks once more for everything.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

Enclosure

March 20, 1957

Mr. Galen A. Martin
Kentucky Council on Human Relations
208 West Main Street
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Galen:

First, I have been told by both C.H. and Harold of your decision to accept the job with the Unitarian Service Committee. While I regret that you will no longer be a part of the SRC family, I can in no way criticize you for this decision. I believe you will continue to make a significant contribution to the progress of integration in the South. I look forward to cooperating with you, Hy Lewis, and others in the Knoxville area.

Secondly, I will write Rusty Giffin about the possibilities of new faculty members with "appropriate skin pigmentation." Certainly Berea College should not be the last of the Kentucky schools to integrate its faculty.

Best of luck in the new job. Please keep in touch with us.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

P.S. I received the five copies of Toward Integration. Many thanks.

March 20, 1957

Harvard Law Review
Harvard University
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Sirs:

We are interested in reprinting the foreword of an Article in the Harvard Law Review by Dr. Charles Fairman. The Article entitled, "The Attack on Segregation Cases," will be reprinted in our Monthly Publication, New South, should you and Dr. Fairman give permission.

We have written to Dr. Fairman requesting his permission.

We would also like a copy of the Harvard Law Review in which this Article appeared as we have only seen the reprint in the Presbyterian Outlook. Please mail us a copy and bill for the cost.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:cj

March 20, 1957

Mr. A. C. Payne,
Executive Secretary,
Southern Area Student Council
Young Men's Christian Association
706 Standard Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Payne:

In reply to your letter of March 4th, I regret very much that I know of no available person to be an efficient office secretary. We ourselves have found it very difficult to to secure the ones we need.

I wish I knew of some source from which you might secure such a person.

Regretting my inability to help you, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly,
Director of Women's Work

MET:cj

March 20, 1957

Rev. Robert E. Hughes, Exec. Director,
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Room 1218, Comer Building
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Bob,

Rev. C. Emerson Smith, Pastor of the Presbyterian Church, P. O. Box 1587, Foley, Alabama, was in the Office over the weekend and mentioned that he would like to join the Alabama Council. For several years past, he has been a member of the Virginia Council and, I believe, he was an Executive with the Virginia Council of Churches.

I told him that you would be in touch with him on this and ask him for his Membership. We will not add him to the New South list until we hear from you.

Warmest regards.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Anthony,
Administrative Assistant

PA:cj

March 20, 1957

Dr. Charles Fairman
Harvard Law School
Harvard University
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Fairman:

I have read the foreword to your review peprinted in the *Presbyterian Outlook* and I am interested in receiving permission to reprint this Article in our Monthly Publication, *NEW SOUTH*.

The Article is exremely well done and we will appreciate any consideration you may give us.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:cj

March 20, 1957

THE METHODIST WOMAN
7820 Reading Road
Cincinnati 37, Ohio

Mesdames:

I am wondering if you have reprints of the March Number that gives our U. N. Credo. I could use 200 copies of them if they are available.

Please send me 200 copies with charges following.

This inside cover with the Creed on it is very valuable.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly,
Director of Women's Work

MET:cj

March 20, 1957

Mr. W. W. Law
2009 Florence Street
Savannah, Georgia

Dear West:

I thoroughly enjoyed seeing you and meeting with the Savannah Branch group on Sunday. I certainly sympathise with the problems you face, but have nothing but the deepest admiration for the way in which you are handling them. We are here in Atlanta, and if we can be of the slightest help it will be a pleasure to do so.

Concerning expenses for the trip. Due to the wierd arrangement which I made, they run to some $24.47. This, however, takes into account the schedule I chose and not our earlier arrangement of my driving to Savannah. Had that been the case, I think my expenses would have been around $15.00, and this I honestly believe is a fair figure for both of us. Thus, in time I shall expect your check for $15.00 and consider the difference better spent than I usually arrange on my weekends.

I am enclosing the issue of New South which got away from you, and I am putting your name on our list to receive subsequent issues.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/eab

Encl. — N.S. Feb. '57

March 21, 1957

Mr. Galen A. Martin, Exec. Director,
208 West Main Street
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Galen,

I have just seen the Executive report on Human Relations in Kentucky for 1956, compiled by the Council. I am interested in several pieces of material in the publication but especially so in the "Kentucky successfully begins Teacher De-Segregation." I would like to reprint this in an early issue of NEW SOUTH witn your permission.

Could you let me know right away if this is possible.

Again, congratulations on a job well done.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:ej

Information copies: Executive Committee Members
State Chairman
Mrs. Lyells
Mrs. Wheatley

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
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HAROLD C. FLEMING
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

March 21, 1957

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

MEMORANDUM

TO: STATE AFFILIATES

FROM: HAROLD C. FLEMING

SUBJECT: Legislative Reporting

A question has recently been raised concerning the propriety of our affiliates reporting on state legislative actions. The question was whether such reporting, however innocently intended, might not be construed as an attempt to stimulate partisan legislative activity among those who share the views of these organizations.

This matter has had careful consideration within SRC, and we thought it might be helpful to summarize for you the conclusions reached.

It is our view that pending legislation should be taboo; that is, bills under consideration by state legislatures should not be reported on in newsletters or other generally circulated form. On the other hand, state laws once enacted, may properly be described, summarized, or circulated in full if they affect our field of operation. This is a valid informational function which organizations such as ours may be expected to perform. Even in the case of laws after their enactment, reporting should be factual and devoid of judgments or opinion.

If this seems a stringent interpretation, it is because tax-exemption and the definition of political activity are sensitive and agitated questions just now. Organizations like ours, which function in controversial areas, may be well advised to bend over backward to avoid anything that can be construed by critics as an attempt to influence legislation.

As we have pointed out before, there is nothing to prevent members of state affiliates -- in their private, individual capacities -- from expressing their views on legislation or acting on such views through other appropriate organizations. Our respective organizations simply cannot be involved, directly or indirectly, in such and, hard as it may be, we must avoid the appearance no less than the reality of such involvement.

Best regards.

March 21, 1957

Miss Sophie Van S. Theis
Secretary
The Doris Duke Foundation
Forty-One East Fifty-Seventh Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Miss Theis:

I enjoyed our conversation a few weeks ago. Since my return to Atlanta, I have raised some of the questions which we discussed with Mrs. M. E. Tilly of our staff. She has some ideas on ways of meeting the needs of church people in the lower South which, I think, are worthy of serious consideration.

Mrs. Tilly is to be in New York on Monday and Tuesday, April 8th and 9th. Would it be possible for her to see you on one of these days? If you can arrange an appointment for her, we will both be grateful.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

March 21, 1957

Mr. Don Hamilton
Phi Kappa Psi House
DePauw University
Greencastle, Indiana

Dear Mr. Hamilton:

Your letter to Dr. Mitchell of March 8th has been referred to me; Dr. Mitchell retired on January 15th of this year and has been succeeded by Harold C. Fleming as Executive Director of the Council.

We do not have on hand the kind of information which you seem to be seeking. I would suggest several sources of information on right to work laws and related topics if you have not already been in touch with them.

(1) Labor's Economic Review
Department of Research
AFL-CIO Building
815 - 16th Street
Washington, D.C.

(2) Department of Education, AFL-CIO
AFL-CIO Building
815 - 16th Street
Washington, D.C.

(3) Committee on Political Education
AFL-CIO Building
815 - 16th Street
Washington, D. C.

Please note that although all of the above departments are at the same street address, they are separate and distinct from one another, and any communications should be so addressed.

Enclosed is a special issue of Textile Labor for September, 1956, entitled "Crisis for America." (See especially p. 8ff.) This is another official union source giving a story regarding the problems faced by union organisations in the South.

I am sorry not to be able to supply you with more direct information, but your request is for materials not normally collected by us. Trust that these leads will be useful.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

Enclosure

March 21, 1957

Mr. Edwin C. Berry
Executive Director
The Chicago Urban League
2410 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago 16, Illinois

Dear Mr. Berry:

We have received your letter of inquiry about Mr. Howard D. Roberts as an applicant for a position with your agency.

I am pleased to recommend Mr. Roberts for such a position. I believe he would do well with the Urban League. Mr. Roberts has been the Associate Director of our affiliate, the Florida Council on Human Relations, for two years. During that period he has shown considerable ability in the delicate field of human relations in the South. He has worked closely with integrated groups in a score of Florida cities. He has helped direct research to determine the status of intergroup relations in Florida. He has won the respect and admiration of the lay Board of Directors of the Florida Council.

My responsibility has been of a supervisory relationship with our state staff and Howard has always demonstrated a cooperative, open-minded, constructive approach to our discussions.

You have probably received a more detailed summary of Mr. Robert's education than that which follows, but our records show he attended Stanton High School in Jacksonville, Florida, graduating in 1947. He received his A.B. degree from Morris Brown College (Atlanta) in 1951 and holds a master's degree in social work from the Atlanta University School of Social Work, received in 1953.

Other work experience includes the Atlanta Urban League; the Health and Welfare Council, Philadelphia; the Stevens Smith Home for the Aged, Philadelphia; and the Walter Reed Army Medical Center, D.C.

You will find Mr. Roberts a personable, intelligent, capable individual. You will find him to be a trained and experienced professional in the field of human relations. He has a flexible, non-totalitarian personality.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

INTEGRATION IN THE ARMED SERVICES

by James C. Evans and David A. Lane, Jr.

forwarded to all state offices including Mississippi

March 21, 1957.

March 21, 1957

Dr. T. J. Woofter
1869 Wyoming Avenue, N. W.
Washington 9, D. C.

Dear Dr. Woofter:

Your letter to Dr. Mitchell arrived after he had left the Council and was, in fact, on his way to Scotland.

I know he will be interested in seeing your book as soon as it is published, as will those of us who are still here.

We should be glad to supply the names and addresses of our Board members and state affiliates if you would care to have them circularized by your publishers.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

March 21, 1957

(Dictated March 20)

Mr. Milton C. Vigo
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

Thanks for the clipping from the Times-Picayune. I thought they did a very fair job with our letter to Rainach. Enclosed is a copy of the AP story, based on the Times-Picayune article, as it appeared in this morning's Atlanta Constitution.

I appreciate your keeping me posted of developments there.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encl.

March 21, 1957

Mr. Charles T. Morgan
Wood Junior College
Mathiston, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Morgan:

You should have received by now a copy of our President's letter to Louisiana State Senator Rainach. A story based on this was published in the Times-Picayune and also sent out by the Associated Press.

I am enclosing the account of the Council's origin and aims. Do let me know if more detailed information along these lines would be helpful to you.

This attack upon the Southern Regional Council and the Mississippi Council is the most shameful and unprincipled one to date. We stand ready to assist you and the other fine people there who have had to bear the brunt in Mississippi.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encls.

March 21, 1957

Mr. Frank S. Loescher
c/o The Fund for the Republic
Sixty East Forty-Second Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Frank:

Here is the result of a fine piece of work by the Florida Council. Despite the ludicrous headline, I think you will agree that Bill Williams and his group have made a distinct contribution through this survey.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encl. "Negro Unhappiness Only Natural"

March 21, 1957

Mr. Gus Tyler
Director
ILGWU Training Institute
1710 Broadway
New York 19, New York

Dear Gus:

Delighted to learn that you are going to be in Atlanta on April 8th and 9th. I will be here, and I believe Emory Via will be in town also. We will be looking forward to seeing you.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

March 21, 1957

Miss Helen Fuller
The New Republic
1244 Nineteenth Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Helen:

Thanks for trying on my query. If your further efforts produce any results, I will be most grateful.

I thought you might want to see the enclosed record of this dismal affair.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encls:
Clip from The Morning Star, 3/14/57
Times-Picayune, 3/9/57
Times-Picayune, 3/19/57

March 22, 1957

Mr. Simon Marcson
Associate Professor of Sociology
Rutgers University
New Brunswick, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Marcson:

This is to let you know that, in response to your letter of March 11th, we have made some inquiry as to suitable candidates for your summer workshop in human relations. Paul Anthony of our staff will probably be writing you shortly to pass along such suggestions as we can offer.

We are glad you thought of us in this connection, and offer all good wishes for the success of the workshop.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Dictated/signed in absence

bc: Mr. John Weiss

March 22, 1957

Mr. John Weiss
Fund for the Advancement of Education
655 Madison Avenue
New York, New York

Dear John:

I will summarize from the attached.

I got a copy of Marcson's letter too. We have put out our lines to such people as John Griffin and Mozell Hill and a few others.

The only other possibility that occurs to me, which you might want to act on, would be consideration of some of the "alumni" of the Encampment for Citizenship. The more recent encampers would be natural material for the Rutgers workshop. As a Board member, you should be able to get quick and satisfactory action out of the staff.

I am looking forward to seeing you in a few days.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encl.
/signed in absence

March 22, 1957

Miss Elizabeth B. Herring
National Council on Agricultural
Life and Labor
1751 N Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Miss Herring:

I am sorry to be so long in answering your letter of March 7th, but we have been spearing about for the kind of information you want -- unfortunately with no success.

Beyond the sources that you would already be in touch with, such as Tuskegee and the better state agricultural schools, I know of no one to suggest.

Sorry to fail you, but I hope this won't discourage you from querying us anytime we may be able to help. Needless to say, I greatly appreciate your good wishes as I tackle new responsibilities.

With all best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
/signed in absence

bc: FBR

March 22, 1957

Mr. Galen A. Martin
208 West Main Street
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Galen:

This will acknowledge your letter of March 14th.

Naturally, it is a matter of great regret to us that the Kentucky Council is losing your services. But we respect your decision and wish you the very best in your new duties. We take comfort from the fact that you will still be working in the South and that you and we will most certainly be cooperating in the months ahead.

As to the questions you raise, I think the Kentucky Council can safely proceed on the assumption that the full amount of Kentucky's allocation for the 1956-1957 fiscal year can be available for staff salaries. More specifically, if the Kentucky Council wishes to meet this situation by employing a part-time Director and redefining Miss Scott's functions, the amount allocated by SRC for the Director's salary could be distributed in this way.

The next step would be for the Kentucky Council to work out what it wants to do and then to put the question to us as a formal proposal.

We think very highly of the Kentucky Council's leadership and accomplishments, and will do everything in our power to assist it in continuing effectiveness.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

March 22, 1957

Mr. Vernon A. Eagle
Executive Secretary
The New World Foundation
120 South LaSalle Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Vernon:

This is in response to your request for our view of the work of the Fellowship of Reconciliation in the South.

We are acquainted in a general way with some of the activities that the FOR has been carrying on, notably the work of their Field Secretary, Glenn Smiley in Alabama and South Carolina. Staff members of the Council's affiliates in those states have worked cooperatively with Smiley in various situations. They think well of him and, on the basis of what we know here, so do we.

Probably the simplest way for me to give you our views is in a point by point fashion:

1. The approach of the FOR is a very sharply defined and rather restricted one. Their interest lies in techniques of non-violent, passive resistance as a means of achieving social change. Naturally the emergence of the Ghandian movement in Montgomery has become a major focus for FOR's activities in the South. Through visitations by Smiley and through workshops, FOR is seeking to spread the understanding and practice of this method to other communities.

2. While some white liberals are interested and involved, the orientation of the FOR means that the greater part of their work is probably with Negroes and, in my opinion, their effectiveness is likely to be largely limited to the Negro group for the time being.

3. FOR does see as one of its functions, I gather, visits to white religious leaders to discuss race relations in moral terms and to "lay on their conscience" a concern for the responsibility for what happens in the community.

4. FOR is likely to play more of a lone wolf role than other human relations organizations, such as ours. I don't mean that there is any conflict inherent in our respective operations, simply that the orientations are quite different. SRC and such groups as the YMCA, YWCA, the various denominational groups, the Jewish agencies, etc., are likely to find a good deal in common in terms of strategy and operational techniques that would be distinct from FOR's special concern.

To sum up, it would be our judgment that the FOR works vigorously and intelligently within the framework of their program. I should think any judgment of them as a potential beneficiary would start from the question of their fundamental philosophy and approach to social change. Anyone who would like to see this approach made -- or made better -- might well give some help to FOR.

If we can help by getting more specific information for you on this or other matters, let us know.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
/signed in absence

March 22, 1957

Mr. Paul Rilling
Southern Area Student Council
YMCA
706 Standard Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul:

Enclosed you will find the material we discussed on the phone. I am writing Dr. Marcson that he will hear from you shortly.

Regards.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/eab
Encl.

March 22, 1957

Mrs. Esther Watson Tipple
The Mercator Foundation for
Music and Therapy
Black's Bluff Road
Rome, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Tipple:

I am sure that you will hear from Mr. Wright in the near future concerning your generous contribution to the GSM Tribute Fund.

I am taking the liberty of forwarding your comment concerning the Atlanta University Centennial to Dr. Rufus Clement.

We are deeply grateful for your interest in the work of the Council.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/eab

March 22, 1957

Dr. Rufus E. Clement
President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Clement:

The enclosed arrived today along with a check of $25.00 for the GSM Fund. Thought it might be of some interest to you.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/eab
Encl: copy of ltr from Mrs. Tipple
dtd 3/19/57

March 22, 1957

Mr. John Griffin
Emory University
Emory University, Georgia

Dear John:

Enclosed you will find two copies of the brochure concerning the Rutgers Human Relations Workshop.

Regards.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/eab
Encls.

March 22, 1957

Miss Virginia Hardwick, Secretary,
Sub-Committee on Integration Education
Knoxville College
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Miss Hardwick:

Thank you very much for your letter of March 15, 1957 concerning publications by the Southern Regional Council. Enclosed is an information brochure concerning the Council and a sheet describing some of our recent publications and a sample copy of our Monthly Publication, NEW SOUTH.

We have very little free material since we are a non-profit organization, but most of our publications are distributed at or near-cost .

If you are interested in any of the publications or any additional information, please do not hesitate to write.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:cj

enclosures:

March 22, 1957

Mr. H. William Frey, President,
Baha'i International Club
Delaware State College
Dover, Delaware

Dear Mr. Frey:

Thank you very much for your letter of March 19, 1957 concerning INTEGRATION, NORTH AND SOUTH.

However, we have less than one-hundred copies of this booklet now available. As you will notice from the enclosed folder, this booklet is published by the Meridian Publishing Company and they do offer quanitity rates.

Also enclosed, is an informational sheet concerning some of our recent publications which might interest you.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:cj

enclosures:

March 22, 1957

Mrs. Arthur Alden Guild
Jefferson Hotel
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Guild:

Thank you for letting us see your manuscripts, both of which are very good. However, following a conference here, we have decided that this is not quite the kind of things we are concentrating on for NEW SOUTH at this time.

We would appreciate seeing any future manuscripts of yours which you think might be suitable for publication.

Again, thank you.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:cj

enclosures:

March 25, 1957

Mr. John Bartlow Martin
185 Maple Avenue
Highland Park, Illinois

Dear John:

Your welcome letter came just as I was putting one foot out the door for a week of travel. I've passed on your specific questions to John Constable and Florence Irving for answer.

I'm glad to be quoted, but I'm a trifle concerned about the personal tone of the quote; it makes me sound as though I'm bemoaning my own woes, which in fact haven't been very great. Could it read this way: "The price tag on dissent can be awfully high, particularly in small towns and rural areas. A dissenter's children may suffer -- his neighbors may not let their kids play with his. It may be rumored that he's a Communist because he's been 'known to mix and mingle.' He often develops a sense of alienation which is the highest price of all -- he feels alienated from the society in which he lives."

Nothing would please me more than to read your series in draft and to make any suggestions that may occur.

All the best from us Dixie dissenters.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
/signed in absence

March 25, 1957

Miss Carolin A. Flexner
70 East Ninety-Sixth Street
New York, New York

Dear Miss Flexner:

Phil has just passed along your contribution. I can't tell you how much I appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity.

I had meant to write you long before now and probably would have if we hadn't learned that we might be seeing you shortly. I do hope you'll be able to make the Atlanta junket.

You were very kind to give me such a pleasant and helpful evening when I was in New York. I doubt that you realize how much you did for my sagging morale. The trip turned out to be worthwhile, though I still have a lot to follow through on. I hope I'll have a chance to give you a brief account on home grounds before long.

With appreciation and warm regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encl: SRC Official Receipt $20.00

March 25, 1957

Miss Katharine Taylor
41 Hawthorn Street
Cambridge 38, Massachusetts

Dear Katharine:

I am about to be off on another junket, but I didn't want to leave without at least a brief note of thanks for your recent letter and the clippings. We had heard of the series on Kasper but hadn't seen it. We are getting the other three.

Did you read about Kasper's latest misadventure? His checkered career caught up with him in Florida and just about wrecked him. Or so it seems.

I'll be writing you again when I get back to Atlanta. Meanwhile, my best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

March 25, 1957

Mr. Edwin Randall
American Friends Service Committee, Inc.
20 South Twelfth Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Ed:

Thanks for your letter and the tapes, which several other staff members and I have audited.

Since I am hard pressed trying to get away for a week's travel, I'm not able to write you as I should and would like to. I'll try to remedy that on my return.

The purpose of this hasty note is to give you our reactions to the tapes:

(1) Thrasher - Very good and helpful, particularly the last three spots, where he gets down to cases.

(2) Jordan - All right, though, as you say, few Southern stations are likely to use.

(3) Williams - I can't quite figure out what Osgood was trying to do with this Chamber of Commerce approach. Our unanimous opinion was that the picture he gives isn't balanced or honest enough to be helpful, and might even be unhelpful. Since I like Osgood and admire many of his undertakings, I'm sorry to have to give so negative a judgment, but I must.

Our conversation when you were here was a very stimulating experience. I hope to explore further the possibilities for cooperative efforts with you soon. Meanwhile, best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

P. S. The tapes were mailed to you Friday, March 22nd.

March 25, 1957

Mr. David Dubinsky
International Ladies' Garment
   Workers' Union
1710 Broadway
New York 19, New York

Dear Mr. Dubinsky:

To you and to the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, we are warmly grateful for the contribution to the work of the Southern Regional Council.

We value the friendly association with ILGWU and hope to deserve your continued confidence and support.

With appreciation and best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encl. SRC Official Receipt $500

March 25, 1957

Mr. Don Hamilton
Phi Kappa Psi House
DePauw University
Greencastle, Indiana

Dear Mr. Hamilton:

You might be interested in an article in the New York Times for March 17, 1957, page 8 E, on the "Right to Work" laws.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

March 27, 1957

Mr. Hollis Rinehart
Board of Control of Florida
815 Ingraham Building
Miami 32, Florida

Dear Hollis:

I have received your letter of March 21st and fully appreciate the difficulties you face on the State Board of Control. I am happy to be able to pass on to my friend in New York the information that Mr. Vance has not been fired from the faculty of Florida State University and that his procedural rights are guaranteed. As I said in both letters, I did not and do not know the merits of the cases, but I am concerned for the good reputation of our State University.

Thanks very much for your interest and also for all that you are doing to keep Florida on the track.

Best personal regards.

Warmly,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

March 27, 1957

Mrs. Ruby Lyells
Mississippi State Council on Human Relations
P. O. Box 9096
Jackson 3, Mississippi

Dear Ruby:

I received your letter of March 26th and hasten to answer. I think your decision not to stir up the hornet's nest any more than necessary is a wise one. We would appreciate any clippings on the situation from Mississippi papers which come to your attention.

I will postpone my trip to Mississippi on the basis of your information until such time as I am out that way for other purposes or will come any time you need me.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

March 27, 1957

Mr. Donald S. Strong
Professor of Political Science
University of Alabama
University, Alabama

Dear Mr. Strong:

The date of issuance of our voting report is not yet definite. I will send you a copy as soon as it is available.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving,
Research Assistant

FBI:fc

March 27, 1957

Mrs. M. D. Peterson
1375 Grand View Drive
Berkeley 5, California

Dear Mrs. Peterson:

Special projects were instituted in the public schools of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and St. Paul, Minnesota to improve intergroup relations in the schools. I'm certain that reports might be secured directly from the school superintendents. I'm sending you a copy of "The Springfield Plan". This report is rather old, but may serve as a guide. A list of several helpful publications is also included.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving,
Research Assistant

FBI:fc
Encl.

March 27, 1957

Mr. Brenton R. Robe
213 E. University Avenue
Wooster, Ohio

Dear Mr. Robe:

The date of issuance of our voting report is not yet definite. Recently, I mailed you the number of Negro registrants in each county in eleven Southern states.

I'm sure that the Book of the States, 1956-57, is available in your school or public library. It lists the qualifications required by each state for voting. You might check the April, 1956 Race Relations Law Reporter to determine some of the latest Mississippi voting regulations.

There was an Associated Press analysis of the Negro vote in the 1956 election in the New York Times and many other papers on November 11, 1956. George Gallup released an analysis in mid-January, 1957. I am enclosing articles on the Negro vote.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving,
Research Assistant

FBI:fc
Encl.

March 27, 1957

Dr. Hylan Lewis
Unitarian Service Committee
9 Park Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Hy:

In Harold's absence I answer your letter. We were sorry to see Galen Martin leave the Kentucky Council but we are happy that he will be working in the South and with a good guy like you. We would be glad to have you and Galen come by the office any time. You are always welcome. Our calendar, however, is fairly well loaded the first three weeks in April, but there are dates even in that period when either Harold or I could spend some time going over Knoxville plans. We have some excellent contacts in and around Knoxville and will be glad to cooperate in helping to bring more forces to bear in the Knoxville area.

Best personal regards to you and Galen.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

March 27, 1957

Mr. Roderick Palmer
The College of Education
The Ohio State University
Columbus 10, Ohio

Dear Mr. Palmer:

I have sent you two articles reporting on the enrollment of white students in formerly Negro colleges and our list of desegregating institutions. If you would write Mr. William Trent, United Negro College Fund, Inc., 22 East 54th Street, New York 22, New York, he might be able to give you the names of additional private Negro colleges now admitting white students.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving,
Research Assistant

FBI:fc

March 27, 1957

Mr. Ed Williams
Center for Human Relations Studies
Press Annex 21
School of Education
New York University
Washington Square
New York 3, New York

Dear Ed:

I have received the announcement about the annual meeting of the Friends of the Center. I note that you are to honor Miriam Hayden at this time for "her warm and selfless devotion to the Center...and to all of us who have been associated with her." Certainly all honor and love to Miriam, and I only wish I could be there to express these feelings personally. Unfortunately, I shall be in the process of Saving the South by attending a Conference of Community Leadership in Jacksonville, Florida, on the 6th of April.

However, let me say just a few words about Miriam. To a rather bewildered student who came to the Big City from the South, she was a gentle spirit, a fount of wisdom, and a good friend. Miriam, in her contacts with other people, not only practices but lives good human relations. I cherish our friendship and only regret that there are 800 miles between us.

Please give her my warmest regards and best wishes as the Friends of the Center make a small down-payment of recognition on what is her just due.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

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Paid Southern Regional Council 3/28/57

Alfred W. Hobart
Chairman
Greater Birmingham Council on Human Relations
502 Edgeland Place
Birmingham, Alabama

Regret inability to attend your meeting. Previous engagement in Louisiana.

Frederick B. Routh

March 29, 1957

Rev. John Farnsworth
713 Kingsley Avenue
Pomona, California

Dear Rev. Farnsworth:

Mrs. Adele Parker asked us to send you some current information on scholarships and work opportunities for Negroes in the South. Unfortunately, work opportunities for Negroes and information on these are still limited. We are sending you our recent report, Integration North and South, which contains a section on employment.

Scholarships are frequently made available by the colleges and by fraternal groups, though the number is inadequate. Other assistance is provided through the Southern Project of the National Scholarship Service and Fund for Negro Students. A report on this project has also been mailed to you.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving,
Research Assistant

FBI:fc
Encl.

March 29, 1957

Mr. Paul H. Sanders, Director
Race Relations Law Reporter
Vanderbilt University
Nashville 5, Tenn.

Dear Sir:

We are in receipt of your second reminder relative to our 1957 subscription to the Race Relations Law Reporter.

On January 17, 1957, Southern Regional Council check No. 737 for $3.00 was sent you for renewal of the subscription of the Research Office. Check No. 827, February 20, 1957 in the amount of $5.00 was for a two year renewal of the subscription of Mr. Harold Fleming, Director, Southern Regional Council.

I am sure that a check of your records will show that these payments have been made. If not, we will be glad to send you copies of our cancelled checks.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving,
Research Assistant

FBI:fc

March 29, 1957

Dr. Hylan Lewis
Unitarian Service Committee
9 Park Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Hi, Hy:

John Hope has asked that I write you and remind you of the Consultant Meeting to be held in New Orleans, April 9th and 10th. The contact person there is Milton Vigo, 303 Board of Trade Annex Building, phone: Main 4295. If you will advise Vigo of your time of arrival and flight number, he will arrange to have someone meet you. Also, enclosed is a $100.00 travel advance.

Hy, one of the things I think you do so well is the discussion of the variety of roles which people may play. I believe it would be helpful if you helped the people in Louisiana understand "safe" roles, expendable roles, continuing roles, etc.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

cc: Mr. John Hope

Enclosure: Check No. 3758

March 29, 1957

Dr. Whitney Young
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Whitney:

John Hope called and asked that I send you a travel advance for the two consultant trips for which you are scheduled - Jacksonville, April 5th and 6th, and Memphis, April 12th and 13th. In both cases, the conference starts at supper and concludes at about 4:00 o'clock the next day. In Jacksonville, our contact person is Mr. Ball, 206 Baptist Building, phone: Elgin 5-9594. Our meeting will take place at St. Pauls Episcopal Church, 5536 Atlantic Blvd. In Memphis our contact person is Miss Martelle Trigg at LeMoyne College, phone: Whitehall 8-6626 or Whitehall 8-5789. Please write these contact people and let them know of your time of arrival and your flight number and they will arrange to have you met.

John Hope, C.H., and I are flying to Jacksonville on E.A.L. #279, leaving Atlanta 2:25 on Friday, April 5. Wish you could make it with us.

Best regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

Enclosure: Check No. 3756

cc: Mr. John Hope

March 29, 1957

Mr. Julius Schatz, Director
Community Service Bureau
Women's Division, American Jewish Congress
Stephen Wise Congress House
15 East 84th Street
New York 28, New York

Dear Mr. Schatz:

I am looking forward to addressing a session of the National Convention of the Women's Division of the American Jewish Congress on Tuesday evening, May 7th.

I would appreciate it if you would make a reseration for a single room with shower at the Shoreham Hotel, or another close by if all the reservations are gone, for the night of May 7th. I will arrange my own transportation and send you an expense account afterward. I use an air travel card and this is the simplest way of making arrangements. I want to thank you for your generosity in assuming the burden of my travel expenses.

One additional bit of information that would be helpful to me is the format of the evening program, e.g., length of speech and whether or not a question and answer or discussion period follows.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

March 29, 1957

Mr. John C. Camper
Savannah State College
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Mr. Camper:

Under separate cover, I am sending you a pamphlet which includes the segregation decision of May 17, 1954 and the 1955 implementation decision, as well as other material in your general field of interest.

May I also recommend a subscription to New South, our monthly publication, several copies of which I am enclosing.

It was good to meet you in Savannah and if we can be of further help, please call upon us.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Anthony,
Administrative Assistant

PA:cj

March 29, 1957

Mrs. Dora Bryant
1017 "A" 37th Street
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Bryant:

Under separate cover, I am sending to you the material you requested.

It was a pleasure to meet you in Savannah and if we can be of further assistance, please call upon us.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Anthony,
Administrative Assistant

PA:ej

separate cover:

March 29, 1957

Mr. Carl K. Thornton
509 West 34th Street
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Mr. Thornton:

Under separate cover, I am sending to you the material which you requested.

It was a pleasure to meet you in Savannah and if we can be of further assistance, please call upon us.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Anthony,
Administrative Assistant

PA:cj

separate cover:

March 29, 1957

Mr. Jerry Ziegler
American Foundation for Political Education
19 South La Salle Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Jerry:

Thanks for the copy of the "Lively Ghost." I have not read it with full care as yet, but think it excellent and useful. I'm having others on the staff read it and good comments have come forth thus far.

Could you send us about seventeen copies or so? We would like to send them to each of our state affiliates and a few of our consultants.

I've seen Harry here on several occassions. Best wishes to you and family. Sara Pickus visited us recently and it was just wonderful to see her even for a short time.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

March 29, 1957

Dr. Lee Coleman
Department of Sociology
University of Kentucky
Lexington, Kentucky

Dear Lee:

John Hope has asked me to send you this travel advance for your scheduled trip to Jacksonville April 5th and 6th. The meeting starts with supper at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 5536 Atlantic Boulevard. Our contact man down there is Mr. Ball, 206 Baptist Building, phone: Elgin 5-9594. The meeting ends Saturday afternoon about 4:00. John Hope, C.H., Whitney Young, and I will also participate.

Best regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

cc: Mr. John Hope

Enclosure: Check No. 3755

March 29, 1957

Mrs. Bonita Valien
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Bonita:

It will be good to be with you again in the near future. John Hope called me and asked me to forward a travel advance to you. He said you were scheduled for the workshop in New Orleans with the Louisiana Council on Human Relations, where Hy Lewis will be the other consultant, and for the conference at LeMoyne College in Memphis, where Whitney Young will be the other consultant. John, C.H., and I should also be present. The dates of the respective conferences are: New Orleans, the evening of the 9th through the 10th, and Memphis, the evening of the 12th through the 13th. Both conferences start with dinner and end in the late afternoon of the next day. I would suggest that you fly from Nashville to New Orleans, from New Orleans to Memphis, and then on home. I recognize that there is an extra day in there, but a gal needs a rest once in a while, and what better place for it than New Orleans? If this is not satisfactory, of course, as they say at the Fund for the Republic, feel free to change it.

Best regards to you and Preston.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

P.S. The contact person in New Orleans is Milton Vigo, 303 Board of Trade Annex Building, phone: Main 4295; in Memphis, Miss Martelle Trigg at LeMoyne College, phone: Whitehall 8-6626 or Whitehall 8-5789. Please write these contact people and let them know your time of arrival and flight number and they will meet you.

Enclosure: Check No. 3754
cc: Mr. John Hope

[illegible]ril 2, 1957

Mr. George Doss, Jr.
c/o Macon News
Macon, Georgia

Dear George:

Thanks for the letter and the clips on Koinonia. Hellen Bullard is supposed to contact some of the weekly editors you mentioned, but any other approach to them would be good also.

~~It's my understanding that there will be no meeting tomorrow night.~~ Trust the signatures are moving along O.K.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

April 2, 1957

Mr. Ross Groshong
Box 381
Greensboro, N. C.

Dear Ross:

Your literature request was filled yesterday; that was just about the last copy of October, 1956, New South.

Wonderful news about Bennett's arrival. Eight pounds, two ounces, is enough for one boy. Congratulations to all. We can remember, too, that it didn't seem real for awhile.

Last week with the aid of crutches and braces, Margaret took her first eight steps - the four-point gait, it's called. A Great Day!

Love to you all,

Emory F. Via

EFV:mm

April 2, 1957

Mr. Paul Christopher
Director, AFL-CIO Region 8
216 Flatiron Building
705 Broadway, N.E.
Knoxville 17, Tenn.

Dear Paul:

I'm sending you the summary of the conference and a list of those who attended. We were most sorry not to have had you with us. This is the only copy of these materials that I've sent to someone who was not actually in attendance. Though there are no super-secrets revealed, it is just as well to treat the whole matter confidentially.

The staff here joins me in extending sympathies to you on the recent death in your family.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

Enclosures

April 2, 1957

Mr. James Stokely
405 Clifton Heights
Newport, Tennessee

Dear Jim:

I appreciated so much your sending me some recent copies of The Nation in which articles by Wilma and you appeared. I was impressed by the comments of Hugo Black on the Montgomery article. I was even more impressed with the articles themselves. I was particularly interested in the poetry, for I still believe it is possible to reach the mind of man and beyond as a poet, when the prose writer is limited to reaching the mind.

I am glad that you found the names of the people I sent you helpful during your trip to Florida. Jack Orr, whom you also met, is a close personal friend of mine. I too am impressed with the sincerity of Governor Collins. I will enclose with this letter a list of people in Memphis, Birmingham, New Orleans, and Washington, D.C.

Best personal regards to Wilma and you.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

Enclosure

Birmingham

Bob Hughes, 1218 Comer Building (SRC State Director) Phone: ALpine 2-2722

Emory Jackson, Birmingham World ewspaper)

Dr. John Hall, (psychologist

Memphis

Rev. J. A. McDaniel, Memphis Urban League, 546 Beale Avenue,
Phone: Jackson 6-2088

Mrs. Lawrence Coe, 3580 Watanga Avenue

Nat D. Williams, Pittsburgh Courier

New Orleans

Dr. Dent, President, Dillard University

Rabbi E. W. Leipziger, 1201 St. Charles Avenue

Milton Vigo, 303 Board of Trade Annex Building (SRC State Director)

Father Twomey, Institute of Industrial Relations, Loyola University

Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Bem Price, call: Elmwood 6-4516

Ben Segal, Trade Union Consultant, Fund for the Republic,
1820 Jefferson Place

Mary Alice Baldinger, National Civil Liberties Clearing House
1637 Mass. Ave, N.W.

Dr. Harry Walker, Department of Sociology, Howard University

Dr. Mordecai Johnson, President, Howard University

April 2, 1957

Mrs. Max Ascoli
23 Gramercy Park South
New York 3, New York

Dear Mrs. Ascoli:

Last Friday I had a very pleasant hour with Mrs. Levy. As she may have told you, she very generously agreed to assist the Council this year and, if circumstances warrant, for two succeeding years. This is invaluable support, of course, and I am lastingly grateful to you for your help in making it possible.

Mrs. Levy suggested the possibility that the New York Fund for Children might be interested in those aspects of our program which relate most directly to the needs of children in the South. We shall be exploring this with the Fund in the near future.

Quite apart from financial assistance, I don't know when I have enjoyed meeting two persons more than you and Mrs. Levy. It's a matter of great satisfaction to me to feel that this work merits your support and interest.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

April 2, 1957

enclosed tax-exempt ltr,

Mrs. David Levy
993 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mrs. Levy:

You were very kind to give me so much of your time last Friday. I can't tell you how encouraged I was by your sympathetic interest in the work of the Southern Regional Council and your willingness to help. I left New York that night with a real lift of the spirit as a result of your kindness and generosity.

Your promise of an immediate gift of $2500 is, of course, of great importance to the Council at this time of special need. But your assurance of comparable support for two succeeding years -- if it is not possible to work out a grant from the New York Fund for Children -- is no less important since it helps provide a basis on which we can plan an effective program for a goodly period ahead. It was most thoughtful of you to give us this longer range assurance.

We have already begun staff discussion of our program activities that might be considered within the scope of the New York Fund for Children. I shall be writing Mrs. Driggs shortly and, if her reply does not foreclose it, we shall be submitting a request to the Fund in the near future.

From time to time, I shall be sending you brief evidences of our progress, which I feel sure will justify your interest in and support of the Council's work. Meanwhile, my thanks again and every good wish.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

April 3, 1957

Rev. Morris Pepper
Executive Secretary
Cumberland Presbyterian Board of
Publication & Christian Education
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Rev. Pepper:

At present we do not have a bibliography which would fully meet your needs. Under separate cover I have sent you two compilations. Both may contain many more titles than you need, and yet not cover all areas of human relations. We hope to prepare a briefer, but more comprehensive bibliography, within several weeks.

Another publication having limitations similar to those I sent you has recently been issued by the National Council of Women of the United States. In addition to publications, it lists some of the agencies in the field of intergroup relations. An announcement on this pamphlet is enclosed.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving,
Research Assistant

FBI:fc
Encl.

April 3, 1957

Mr. George Weaver
Executive Secretary
AFL-CIO Civil Rights Committee
815 Sixteenth Street
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Weaver:

Enclosed for your personal information is a copy of our letter to President Meany requesting an AFL-CIO grant of $5,000. I wanted you to know that the request has been made.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encl.

Same ltr to:
Paul Christopher
J. M. Dabbs
Duncan Hunter
Paul Williams
A.W. Dent (slightly revised)

April 3, 1957

Mr. Paul Christopher
216 Flatiron Building
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Christopher:

A majority of the members of the Executive Committee have chosen the 17th and 18th as the most desirable dates for the April meeting. Thus, the meeting has been scheduled to begin at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, the 17th, with adjournment at noon on the 18th.

We hope it will be possible for you to attend on these dates. A number of important matters will be on the agenda, the most significant of which is action on the request for a three year grant to the Council from the Fund for the Republic.

Enclosed is a financial sheet showing the position of the Council as of April 1st.

If you desire overnight accommodations at the University, please let us know. We shall look forward to seeing you on April 17th if at all possible.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/eab
Encl.

April 3, 1957

Mr. Boris Shishkin
Director
Department of Civil Rights
AFL-CIO
815 Sixteenth Street
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Shishkin:

Enclosed for your personal information is a copy of our letter to President Meany requesting an AFL-CIO grant of $5,000. I wanted you to know that the request has been made.

As you will see, a summary account of our recent conference is enclosed. We thought it went very well.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encl.

April 3, 1957

Mr. Alexander Miller
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
515 Madison Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Alex:

Life was moving so fast at the end of last week that I don't think I got a chance to report back to you on my meeting with Max Delson. He was extremely sympathetic and interested and helpful. As he may have told you, it happened -- I am not sure accidentally -- that the young Rabinowitz was with him when I arrived. They were discussing your own local problem in New Rochelle. Mr. Rabinowitz had to listen to my story and before he left agreed to give his father a nudge.

I will give you more details the next time I see you, but this is merely to say that I appreciated your steering me to Delson. I have a feeling that he is going to be helpful to us as time goes on. Anything you may find it convenient to do to keep his interest up will help that much more.

Thanks to you and to Arnold for your many courtesies and good company.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

Enclosures:

South of Promise
History of SRC
South of the Future
New South - March '57

Separately:

4 copies of each of above
Integration N& S
3 Views
Special Report Pro-Segregation

April 3, 1957

Mr. Max Delson
Room 2300
120 East Forty-First Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Delson:

I can't begin to thank you enough for all the time, encouragement, and help you gave me last week.

Unfortunately, my one remaining day in New York did not give me enough time to follow through on all of the leads you suggested. I did have a very pleasant and productive interview with Norman Thomas. He was as interested and sympathetic as anyone could ask and suggested several possible contributors with whom I might use his name, as well as writing a personal note to one of the principals of the Robert Marshall Trust. I also profited from your advice on our approach to the major labor unions and I will be putting it into effect as rapidly as I can.

Enclosed are a few materials on the Council and its work. I am sending some additional material separately. Any help that you can arrange for us or further suggestions that you may give will be deeply appreciated.

I admired the way you were approaching the "New Rochelle problem." If anything can retrieve the situation, I should think the kind of action you were starting would do it. I hope we can do as well with our own somewhat more massive problems.

Please convey my regards to your brother and other associates whom I met in your office. And, until I have the opportunity to see you again, my warmest appreciation and good wishes to you.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encls.

P.S. I am following up the conversation with Mr. Randolph, which you very thoughtfully made possible, with a letter. His help within the AFL-CIO will be of great importance.

Enclosures: South of the Future
South of Promise
March '57 N.S.
Put on Complimentary mailing list to Receive N.S. this date.

April 3, 1957

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street, Room 301
New York 27, New York

Dear Mr. Randolph:

It was a great pleasure to talk with you by telephone from Max Delson's office last week. We value your work and that of your union in this field and welcome every opportunity to cooperate in efforts to achieve our common goal.

I am enclosing a few items of material about the Council and its work. You will also be receiving our publications regularly from now on.

As you know the needs of this work are acute in the South today. Your willingness to support our request to the AFL-CIO for 1957 is of great importance to us.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encls.

April 3, 1957

Rev. Richard Deats
Associate Minister
First Methodist Church
Box 788
Big Spring, Texas

Dear Rev. Deats:

Thank you for the information on desegregation in Big Spring.

We sent you the publications you ordered upon receipt of the order, and I have recently mailed the publications lists you requested.

Please send us a copy of your Race Relations Handbook upon its completion.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving,
Research Assistant

FBI:fc

April 3, 1957

Mrs. R. S. Lyells
Mississippi State Council on Human Relations
P. O. Box 9096
Jackson 3, Mississippi

Dear Ruby:

Harold has been out of the office for more than a week, so in his absence I answer your letter of March 22. Regarding the Southwide Staff Conference which SRC proposes to hold, we notified Mrs. Wheatley, as well as other State Chairmen, of this at a time when you were still Executive Director of the Mississippi State Council on Human Relations. Our idea was that even though the MSCHR was not affiliated with SRC, it would be helpful for its staff to participate in such a conference. Now that the Mississippi State Council on Human Relations is without paid staff, it doesn't seem logical to ask an officer of the group to this meeting. All other people in attendance will be staff members. There will be no Board members from other organizations.

We were indeed interested to note that the Jackson Daily News picked up the AP story on the Rainach hearings. The story received rather wide coverage across the South. I am glad that Bishop Brunini feels that the situation is in hand and that no special trip is required. I shall probably be in the Mississippi area in the not too distant future; indeed, both C.H. and I had been talking of coming to Mississippi sometime before the Rainach hearings. One of the questions still to be decided is the disposition of equipment purchased with funds from SRC. This will require some talking through, and C.H. and I will come at such a time that this will be convenient for all concerned.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

April 3, 1957

Mr. Armand Ball
Northeast Florida Council on Human Relations
206 Baptist Building
Jacksonville 2, Florida

Dear Armand:

Thank you for the copies of the workshop program and the questions and topics for discussion. Most of us are arriving on EAL Flight #279, which arrives in Jacksonville at 4:40. Since we are all coming together, we will get a U-Drive-It and proceed to the church where the meeting is to be held.

Best regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

April 3, 1957

Mr. Nelson C. Jackson
Associate Director
National Urban League
14 East 48th Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Jackson:

We have received your form letter of March 22, 1957, inquiring about our knowledge of

Mr. Howard D. Roberts
712 Park Drive
Daytona Beach, Florida.

It is our belief that Mr. Roberts is a well qualified and experienced professional in the field of human relations. He has been the Associate Director of our affiliate, the Florida Council on Human Relations, for the past two years. During this period he has demonstrated his ability in the delicate field of human relations in the South by working closely with integrated groups in a score of Florida cities, by helping direct research to determine the status of local intergroup relations, and by representing the Florida Council before many lay and professional groups. By so doing, he has won the respect and admiration of the Board of Directors of the Florida Council.

My responsibility has been of a supervisory relationship with our state staff, and Mr. Roberts has always demonstrated a cooperative, open-minded, constructive approach to our discussions. It is, therefore, without hesitation that I recommend him for a position with the Urban League.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

April 3, 1957

Mr. Dean George Eppley
Department of Human Relations
University of Miami
Coral Gables, Florida

Dear Dean:

I have just received a letter from N.Y.U. which was sent to me at the University of Miami, c/o the Department of Human Relations. Though my present address is fairly well known at the University, someone carelessly marked it "Not at U. of M. any longer" and it was stamped "Return to Writer Unclaimed."

Would you please mention this to the person at the University Post Office window?

Many thanks.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm
Enclosure

April 3, 1957

Miss Thelma Stevens
Woman's Division of Christian Ser.
Board of Missions of the Methodist Church
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Miss Stevens:

Thank you very much for your letter of March 28, 1957. I do appreciate your interest concerning this material. I will talk this over with Mrs. Tilly in the next few days. In the meantime, we certainly appreciate your promise to "plug" these packets at some of the Conferences. Shall I send you additional packets or are the ones you have sufficient?

Again, thanks.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:cj

April 3, 1957

Miss Lillian A. Johnson
Woman's Division of Christian Service
Board of Missions of the Methodist Church
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Miss Johnson:

Thank you for your letter of March 22, concerning the packet of sample materials I sent you. We do appreciate your suggestions on this material and are especially interested in the fact that you intend to use these in your Course this Summer.

Again, thanks.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:cj

April 3, 1957

Mr. P. A. Edwards
Office of Dean-Registrar
Morristown College
Morristown, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Edwards:

In answer to your letter of March 29, 1957 concerning, The Negro Potential, we had a small quantity of this book for distribution but we are unable to supply this book for general distribution.

The book is published by the Columbia University Press in New York. The price is $3.00. If you cannot get a copy in your local bookstore, I am certain that Columbia Press will mail you a copy.

If we can be of additional help, please do not hesitate to write.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:cj

April 3, 1957

Mr. W. Forrest Altman
Route 2
Louisville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Altman:

Thank you for your letter concerning materials of the Southern Regional Council. We do not have a quantity of free material since we are a non-profit Organization. However, I am sending you, under separate cover, some material which may be of use to you.

If we can be of additional help, please do not hesitate to write.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:cj

separate cover;

April 3, 1957

Mr. George Meany
President
AFL-CIO
815 Sixteenth Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Meany:

Over the years, ~~one of~~ among the most valued sources of financial aid to the work of the Southern Regional Council have been the annual contributions from the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations. Following the merger last year, this assistance was continued by the AFL-CIO. We have been greatly strengthened by this continuing evidence of support by organized labor of the Council's work for a more democratic South.

This year we should like to request a contribution in the increased amount of $5,000. It is our hope and belief that the AFL-CIO will agree that this increase is justified for the following reasons:

1. The work of the Southern Regional Council is in close harmony with the policy and efforts of the AFL-CIO in the South. We share a common conviction that the welfare of all the people of the South is tied to the recognition of equal rights for all.

2. As the situation has grown much more critical in the South, the demands on an organization of this kind have increased tremendously. The Council, as the only South-wide body of white and Negro Southerners working together specifically on race relations, has been turned to increasingly by labor groups, church groups, civic groups, human relations agencies, and other groups.

3. To meet these mounting demands, the Council is seeking to expand its program, staff, and activities accordingly. This means, of course, an increased budget. We are both seeking new sources of support and asking our faithful contributors to increase their contributions.

4. In this, the third and last year of Fund for the Republic support to our state-organization program, the allocation for our central activities is drastically reduced. Accordingly, we have a greatly enlarged fund-raising task at just the time when we are undertaking to extend our efforts to meet the South's grave problems.

5. The Council regards it as a matter of the highest priority to give greater assistance and cooperation to unions in the South. To this end, we have added to our staff as labor consultant Emory Via -- a native Southerner, a staunch friend of organized labor, and an experienced staffer in worker's education. We are greatly strengthened in these efforts by the participation of Southern union leaders on the Board of the Southern Regional Council and the Boards of the state organizations affiliated with it.

As you know, the Council recently sponsored a conference of Southern labor leadership, with some participation by national officers concerned with civil rights, to discuss their common problems and to start hammering out working solutions. We feel that the conference was an effective beginning in this direction. Enclosed is a copy of the summary account of the conference. Through conferences of this kind and through fact-finding, consultation, and field services, the Council expects to have even closer working relationships with labor in the South in the period ahead.

Also enclosed is a summary report on our activities, "The South of Promise," which gives a brief account of where our work stands and of our immediate plans.

We sincerely believe that the AFL-CIO can make no comparable investment that will do more to further its purposes in the South than a contribution of $5,000 to the work of the Southern Regional Council.

With appreciation and all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:mm

Enclosures

April 3, 1957

Same ltr to:
John A. Griffin
Joseph F. Haas
Harry V. Richardson

(no ltr written to Josephine Wilkins)

Dr. B. R. Brazeal
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Brazeal:

A majority of the members of the Executive Committee have chosen the 17th and 18th as the most desirable dates for the April meeting. Thus, the meeting has been scheduled to begin at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, the 17th, with adjournment at noon on the 18th.

We hope it will be possible for you to attend on these dates. A number of important matters will be on the agenda, the most significant of which is action on the request for a three year grant to the Council from the Fund for the Republic.

Enclosed is a financial sheet showing the position of the Council as of April 1st.

We shall look forward to seeing you on April 17th if at all possible.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/eab
Encl.

Spril 4, 1957

Dr. David C. Wilson,
Department of Neurology & Psychiatry
University of Virginia Hospital
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear Dr. Wilson:

Fred Routh of our Office has asked that we send to you the films, "De-Segregation in Baltimore," and "A City Decides." "De-Segregation in Baltimore" is being mailed to you today, but we do not have copies of the film on St. Louis. Fred was mistaken about this.

The Fund for the Republic does have some copies of "A City Decides," which you might be able to borrow.

Instructions for the loan of this film are enclosed in the film case.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:cj

April 4, 1957

Mr. Charles J. Mumford, Dir.,
Department of Political Science,
Southern Maryland Free State Library Association
P. O. Box 1493
Annapolis, Maryland

Dear Mr. Mumford:

In answer to your letter concerning material from the Southern Regional Council, enclosed is a list of our Board of Directors and the latest two (2) copies of our Monthly Publication, NEW SOUTH.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable,
Director of Information

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April 4, 1957

Mr. G. McLeod Bryan
Washington University
Saint Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Bryan:

Mr. Fleming has asked me to send you some material concerning "pressures in the South in employment." Enclosed, are brief resumes of some such cases in 1955-56 as published in various newspapers.

I do not know exactly what other materials you could use, but if you will write me in greater detail concerning the Project, we might be able to help.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable,
Director of Information

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April 4, 1957

Dr. A. W. Dent
Dillard University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Dr. Dent:

We are sorry to hear that it will be impossible for you to attend the April Executive Committee meeting. It has been necessary for us to schedule this meeting for the 17th and 18th since shortly thereafter the request to the Fund for the Republic must be submitted.

Because of action on the Fund request we were especially hopeful of your attendance. However, if at all possible, we will mail you a draft of the request to be submitted to the committee. Your comments and advice on this will be welcomed.

Enclosed is a financial statement reflecting the Council's position as of April 1st.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/hs
Encl

April 4, 1957

Dr. Rufus Clement, President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Clement:

We are notifying the members of the Executive Committee of the selected dates for the April meeting - the 17th and 18th.

A copy of the enclosed financial statement is being sent to each of the members of the committee. A similar statement, reflecting the condition of the Council through April 15, will be available at the meeting.

Also enclosed, for your reference, is a copy of the agenda which you approved earlier.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/hs
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April 4, 1957

Mr. Vinton Ziegler
58 Barrow Street
New York 14, New York

Dear Vinton:

It was good to hear from you again. I have had a certain amount of success in my uphill mission. But, as you will have gathered from our conversation in New York, it will be a while before we have achieved a truly stable financial base.

Josephine Wilkins' trip to New York has been delayed somewhat, but she should be in that area within the next few weeks. I will give her your name and telephone number and hope very much that the two of you will be able to get together.

You can be sure that if any likely looking openings come within my ken, I will pass along the word to you. Until I see you again, my best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

April 4, 1957

Mr. Hylan Lewis
Unitarian Service Committee
9 Park Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Hy:

As Fred has written you, I have been travelling and this is the first chance I have had to answer your letter of March 19th.

I will be in the office for two weeks beginning Monday, April 8th, though our Executive Committee will be meeting on the 17th and 18th. If your schedule would permit you and Galen to be in Atlanta next week, it would be a real pleasure and benefit to discuss our common interests.

I hope this letter reaches you before you leave Boston and that, one way or another, we will be seeing you before long.

All best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

April 4, 1957

Miss Mary Sheridan
Associate Editor
The Progressive
408 West Gorham Street
Madison 3, Wisconsin

Dear Mary:

I am sorry to be so long in answering your letter, but I am just back in the office after a lengthy spell of travelling. You and Morris tempt me mightily with the invitation to do a review of Carl Rowan's latest book. Dismally, however, I must decline for the same reason that I did the last time I had such an opportunity. Our work here has mounted at such a tremendous rate that I am literally engulfed, as is the entire staff.

I am sure you know that nothing would please me better than to contribute something to the Progressive, and I will look forward to the blissful day when I will be free to accept an invitation from you or even to initiate an idea myself. Meanwhile, I must content myself with reading the magazine and enjoying the fine job that you folks do.

All best regards to you and to Morris.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

April 4, 1957

Dr. Manet Fowler
Research House
Parham Place
Albany Post Road
Croton-on-Hudson, New York

Dear Dr. Fowler:

I have just returned to the office to find your latest letter. Many thanks for this assurance and for the further materials that you've sent us recently. We are bogged down too, and we are still struggling to get the voting report in publishable shape. Margaret Price has come down from Washington to put in two intensive weeks of editorial work, and we are in hopes that she may be able to wind up the job in that time.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

April 4, 1957

Miss Alma Hickman
2509½ Pearl Street
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Dear Miss Hickman:

Many thanks for your recent letter and for the enclosed copy of your letter to State Senator Hall. I admire the way in which you have presented your views to him. Certainly you have given him a great deal to think about.

I needn't tell you how distressed we are here by the unfair and dishonest methods that have been used to cause embarrassment and difficulty to the people in Mississippi who have been trying against such odds to improve race relations. Similar pressure has been brought to bear on people in South Carolina and are expected soon in Georgia, as a result of the Louisiana hearing. It is good to know that your outstanding reputation and many friendships in Mississippi have placed you above these petty attacks.

If at any time you see ways in which the Council can assist people who are confronted by scurrilous charges of this sort, please let me know. Meanwhile, best regards and good wishes.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

April 4, 1957

Dr. Frank C. Foster
University of Maine
Orono, Maine

Dear Dr. Foster:

I greatly value your recent letter. It's a matter of much satisfaction and encouragement to us to feel that the work of the Southern Regional Council deserves the kind of supporting words that you have written.

I read your fine article from the Maine Alumnus with much pleasure. So much of what is written about the South elsewhere lacks the deeper understanding which we would like to see spread in the rest of the country. Your balanced and informed approach to the subject is most welcome, and we are glad to know that our publications are helpful to you in preparing them.

Let us know at any time that we can be of service to you.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

April 4, 1957

Mr. John R. May
The San Francisco Foundation
351 California Street
San Francisco 4, California

Dear Mr. May:

Oscar Cohen of the Anti-Defamation League had mentioned to me the possibility that you might be coming South and, if so, would likely call on us. I am very glad to learn from you that the possibility has materialized. I will be in the office on Monday, May 6th, and will look forward to seeing you then. If we can advise you and Mrs. May about your itinerary, we will be very glad to do so.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

April 4, 1957

Mrs. May E. McFarland
The Doris Duke Foundation
41 East Fifty-Seventh Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Mrs. McFarland:

Thank you for your letter informing me that Miss Theis is away from the office.

Your assumption that Mrs. Tilly wished to discuss a proposed appeal is entirely correct, and we will follow your suggestion.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

April 4, 1957

Mr. Alfred Friendly
Managing Editor
The Washington Post
1515 L Street, N. W.
Washington 5, D. C.

Dear Al:

Your recent letters, which were here when I returned from a painful stretch of fund-raising did my heart good. It's comforting to know that our evening together was of some help to you despite my state of congestion and general dilapidation. Jane and I greatly enjoyed meeting you and your wife and have been recalling it with pleasure ever since.

As it happened, when I got in Sunday night, a friend of mine from Washington had just arrived and handed me a copy of your first article. I thought it was extremely well done and, for my money, not at all on the "soft" side. I am looking forward to seeing the other articles in the series.

I hope our paths will cross again soon. Meanwhile, all the best to you both.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

April 4, 1957

Mr. Roy E. Larsen
Time, Inc.
Time and Life Building
Rockefeller Center
New York 20, New York

Dear Mr. Larsen:

Thanks for your very kind letter. It was a pleasure for me to meet with so many able and congenial people at Arden House, and I am grateful to the National Citizens Council for making it possible.

I was much impressed by your own constructive approach to the subject matter in the afternoon. If at any time I can furnish information or analysis that will be helpful to you, don't fail to let me know.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

April 4, 1957

Mr. W. D. Weatherford, Ph.D.
Black Mountain,
North Carolina

Dear Mr. Weatherford:

My apologies for this delay in answering your letter of March 20th, but as my secretary wrote you I have been out of the office for a lengthy period.

We know of no mountain church which has actually undertaken integration in the South. It is entirely possible, of course, that such steps have been quietly taken, but if so we do not know of them.

We are very glad that you sent us the copy of Dr. Mitchell's review of your forthcoming book, American Churches and the Negro. We should be pleased to use it in the May issue of New South.

I shall look forward with interest to the publication of your book and the reception that it receives. I hope it will get the wide and favorable attention which it deserves.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

April 4, 1957

Miss Gloria Dapper
Director of Communications
National Citizens Council for Better Schools
Nine East Fortieth Street
New York 16, New York

Dear Miss Dapper:

It was very pleasant being with the Round Table at Arden House last week. I hope that my small contribution to the afternoon's panel made my coming worthwhile from your point of view.

I had a very nice note from Mr. Lars~~o~~en, which I will want to acknowledge soon. Meanwhile, between trips, I pass along the following account of my expenses:

Round-trip air ticket	$88.06
Hotel (Sunday & Monday)	26.26
Taxis and limousines	7.40
Meals	2.50
Total	124.22

I hope we will find ourselves together again soon. Meanwhile if we can supply any information that will be of help to you and your organization, be sure to let me know.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

April 4, 1957

Miss Mary Jane Willett
Young Woman's Christian Association
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mary Jane:

It was a real pleasure to take part in your Washington Workshop. I thought both the participants and the discussion were of very high caliber. I only hope that my own small contribution was of some value.

My expenses for the trip were as follows:

Round-trip air ticket	$58.75
Taxis and limousines	7.75
Meals	6.10
Total	$72.60

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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Encl. CAL ticket stub

~~Dillard & Board~~
~~Dent~~
Daily file

April 4, 1957

Dr. A. W. Dent
President, Dillard University
New Orleans 22, Louisiana

Dear Al:

It certainly was good of you to make available accommodations at Dillard for our Consultant group. You can't imagine how much it means, or perhaps you can, to have friendly surroundings at a time like this. Enclosed is a letter to Vigo with the specific dates of our attendance.

Harold, I, and the rest of the staff are very sorry you won't be able to come to the Executive Committee meeting in mid-April. We really count on your balanced judgment and keen insight at these meetings.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

Enclosure

April 4, 1957

Mr. Patrick E. McCauley
Assistant to the Director
Southern Education Reporting Service
1109 Nineteenth Avenue, South
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. McCauley:

In the absence of Mr. Fleming, we are acting on your letter of April 3rd.

On this date, the material you requested is being sent to Mr. Jones. Under separate cover we are sending you the booklets you requested. A bill for these materials is enclosed.

If we can be of further help, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/eab
Encl.

April 4, 1957

Mr. Will Campbell
National Council of Churches
1716 West End Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Will:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter I have just written A. C. Miller. The situation in Americus and Sumter County worsens week by week. Rather than write you a long, complicated epistle, which would strain my mind and my secretary's patience, I send you a copy of a communication issued this morning to the good "A. C."

My serious request to you is that you read it, that you call him, and that you prepare to come to Americus at the earliest possible date.

Best personal regards.

Warmly,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

Enclosure

April 4, 1957

Mr. Frank S. Loescher
c/o The Fund for the Republic
60 East Forty-Second Street
New York, New York

Dear Frank:

A thousand thanks for your recent note and the helpful information it contained. I don't have to tell you that this assists me considerably.

I very much hope that your projected trip South materializes. We have already made note of the possible time, and will look forward hopefully to word from you that it is definite.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

April 4, 1957

Dr. George Mitchell
c/o Bank of Scotland
Foreign & Overseas Department
The Mound,
Edinbergh, Scotland

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

Enclosed, are two (2) copies of the NEW SOUTH with your "Cogwheel Story." Everyone seems pleased that this has been gotten into print.

How is the croft hunting coming along? Best wishes to Alice.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:cj

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April 4, 1957

Mr. Vernon Eagle
Executive Director
The New World Foundation
120 South LaSalle Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Vernon:

Thanks for your letter of March 26th.

I was glad to give you my "off-the-top" views on the work of the FOR in the South. Don't ever hesitate to ask us for our views on matters of this kind or anything else that we might know something about. If my replies seem labored sometimes, it is only because I want to be as fair as I can when somebody else's performance is involved. But that doesn't mean that I'm in the least unwilling to offer a judgement for whatever it is worth.

At the moment, I see no possibility of my making the National AVC Convention, though I would like nothing better. If I should find myself in the vicinity at that time, you can be sure that I will be trying to track you down.

All best regards,

Sincerely

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

April 4, 1957

Mr. Maurice D. Bement
Regional Director
National Citizens Council for Better
    Schools
902 Realty Building
Louisville 2, Kentucky

Dear Maurice:

Thanks very much for your kind note. I am greatly complimented.

The day at Arden House was very pleasant for me, and not the least of it was getting a chance to meet you after all these years. I hope our paths will cross again soon. Meanwhile, all best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

P.S. I am suggesting to the Anti-Defamation League that they add Eastern to their clientele.

April 4, 1957

Mr. Thomas Dreier
1011 Brightwater Boulevard
St. Petersburg, Florida

Dear Tom:

The newspaper account of your remarks to the St. Petersburg Council on Human Relations read mighty well. The community and the state are lucky to have someone who can lay out the issues so ably and forthrightly.

I have shared your letter and clipping with Fred Routh. You can be sure that, if he or I get to St. Pete, we will be taking you up on that guest room.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/emb

April 4, 1957

Mr. Joseph P. Lyford
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
60 East Forty-Second Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Joe:

Thanks for the note about the Swiss writer-photographer team. We'll be glad to give them all the help we can.

Whatever happened to your own projected Southern trip?

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

April 4, 1957

Mr. Kivie Kaplan
Colonial Tanning Company, Inc.
195 South Street
Boston 11, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Kaplan:

Thank you for your very thoughtful and considerate reply to my letter of March 12th. Of course I understand that there are limits to how many commitments any one person can take on, and I appreciate your frank explanation.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

April 4, 1957

Mr. Duncan Hunter
First Methodist Church
Alexander City, Alabama

Dear Duncan:

It was good of you to keep us informed about the Klan's foray into Alexander City. I was distressed to learn that you and Dan Whitsett have been under this kind of abusive attack, but I was pleased to see the paper saying some of the things that should have been said. I hope that you got similar support from your congregation and other responsible people in the community.

I was sorry that the forthcoming Executive Committee meeting had to fall in a week which was out of the question for you. We knew, of course, that it was a poor time for a meeting, but the deadline on the Fund for the Republic request left us little choice of dates.

We will miss your able presence, but I will let you know of any important developments.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

April 4, 1957

Mr. H. G. Williamson
The Board of Education
North Mississippi Conference
The Methodist Church
P. O. Box 721
Grenada, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Williamson:

Since Mr. Wright is absent for an extended period, I am taking the liberty of acknowledging your good letter of March 26th for him.

We did see the Jackson Daily News story and were unpleasantly struck by the unfairness and distortion of the story. As you may know the Jackson Daily News and other Southern papers carried an Associated Press story based on Mr. Wright's letter to Senator Rainach.

A copy of the letter was sent to all of the persons named in the newspaper accounts, and we have been in touch with Mr. and Mrs. Wheatley. It was good to know that responsible people in the community rallied to them.

Do let us know if at any time there are ways in which we can be helpful.

Meanwhile, all good wishes.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

April 4, 1957

Dr. A. C. Miller
Executive Secretary
The Christian Life Commission of the
Southern Baptist Convention
161 - Eighth Avenue, North
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear "A. C.":

I know you are aware of the serious situation in Sumter County, Georgia, over the violence aimed at the Koinonia Farm. I am enclosing some further material on this situation. Harold Fleming, Emory Via, and I have been trying to think through a method of approaching the Ministers of the Americus community, which is close by Koinonia. The Ministerial Associations of Americus and Sumter County have already made an excellent statement supporting law and order but there is still much fear and, unfortunately, much hatred in the Americus community.

It might be possible for a person well respected in clerical circles, identified with a Southern church body, and knowledgeable about community relations to assist in the situation. What it would seem to call for is an off-the-record confidential visitation with many of the ministers in town. It would be helpful if the ministers could be brought to a new concern for the elementary enforcement of law and protection against acts of violence. They need some shoring up in their own positions and a great deal of aid in how to effectively reach others in the Americus community, whether privately or publically. Specifically, they need to be able to separate emotional reactions to what the Farm is from the basic issue of law and order.

The situation in Americus has worsened in spite of the resolution of the Ministerial Associations and the two sermons preached on Koinonia and law and order. It is doubtful that the ministerial group would now pass so firm a resolution.

The big question, of course, is who could do an effective job of helping the ministers of Americus. We immediately thought of two people and thought of them as a team - you and Will Campbell. I know how terribly busy your schedule is and yet, because of the critical situation in Americus, I do not hesitate to suggest this. I am also writing Will Campbell and suggesting the same thing.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

cc: Will Campbell

Enclosures

April 4, 1957

Bishop Henry W. Hobson
Diocese of Southern Ohio
The Episcopalian Church
412 Sycamore Street
Cincinnati 2, Ohio

Dear Bishop Hobson:

Some further events have taken place in the Koinonia situation in which I thought you would be interested. Violence in the area continues. A state Grand Jury is investigating the situation and seems to be more interested in finding things wrong with Koinonia than in finding the perpetrators of the violence or in questioning law enforcement officers as to their ineffectiveness in preventing violence. I am enclosing two editorials on the situation, an article on the Grand Jury, and a mimeographed sheet, "What is Koinonia?," which was distributed at a meeting of the leadership of the United Churchwomen of Georgia.

Neal Tarplee called me from the airport while he was in route from Koinonia to Virginia. I suggested to him that he might contact Bishop Stuart of the Diocese of Georgia and Bishop Claiborne of the Diocese of Atlanta and suggest to them that they issue a joint statement urging the end of violence and the upholding of law and order. I wonder if a family letter from a brother Bishop in Southern Ohio might not also help their thinking. Bishop Claiborne is a good liberal person and Bishop Stuart has been backing Paul Ritch, the Episcopal clergyman in Americus, in his stand for law and order, therefore I feel that such a joint statement is not beyond the realm of possibility. I also feel it would be helpful and would reach the press and [illegible] the people of the state, including those of Americus and Sumter County.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

Enclosures

April 4, 1957

Mr. Milton C. Vigo
Executive Director
Louisiana Council on Human Relations
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans 12, La.

Dear Milton:

The Consultant Service Workshop for the Louisiana Council will be attended by John Hope, Dr. Bonita Valien, Dr. Hylan Lewis, and yours truly. Unfortunately, C.H. cannot make it. We will all need accommodations for Tuesday night, obviously, and John and Bonita will want accommodations for Wednesday and Thursday night. I will want accommodations for Wednesday night and I believe Hy Lewis will be leaving Wednesday evening. It was mighty good of Dr. Dent to provide accommodations for us at Dillard.

Best wishes.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

April 4, 1957

Dr. A. W. Dent
President, Dillard University
New Orleans 22, Louisiana

Dear Al:

It certainly was good of you to make available accommodations at Dillard for our Consultant group. You can't imagine how much it means, or perhaps you can, to have friendly surroundings at a time like this. Enclosed is a letter to Vigo with the specific dates of our attendance.

Harold, I, and the rest of the staff are very sorry you won't be able to come to the Executive Committee meeting in mid-April. We really count on your balanced judgment and keen insight at these meetings.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

Enclosure

April 4, 1957

Mr. Everett L. Perry, Secretary
Office for Field Survey
Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Perry:

Many thanks for your letter of April 2 and the kind words contained therein about my participation in the Charleston meeting of March 25th.

I will be happy to help out at future meetings as you need me and my calendar permits.

Thanks once more for your consideration in taking care of my expenses.

Best regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

April 4, 1957

Mr. Thomas Dreier
1011 Brightwater Boulevard
St. Petersburg, Florida

Dear Tom:

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How good it was to see your name again! I have read with interest your letter to Harold and also the article in the St. Petersburg paper. I believe your stand for an integrated junior high school is the only one which really makes sense. Thank you for the kind invitation to use your guest room whenever I hit St. Pete. I shall always remember with pleasure my last visit with you and your wonderful spouse. George Mitchell and I not only survived that "ordeal" but came away feeling like fatted calves and prodigal sons.

Best personal regards to you and Mrs. D.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

April 4, 1957

Mr. Hugh A. Brimm
Carver School of Missions and Social Work
2801 Lexington Road
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Hugh:

How nice it was to hear from you again and to learn that you would be reassuming the duties - even if on a part-time basis - of Executive Director of the Kentucky Council.

Harold is out of the office just now, but will want to drop you a note when he gets back from Washington.

I look forward to working with you again. I will notify all here concerned with your address.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E. ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA
JAckson 2-8764

HAROLD C. FLEMING
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

April 5, 1957

MEMORANDUM

To: Executive Directors, State Organizations

From: Frederick B. Routh, Assistant Director

An important CONFERENCE ON CHRISTIAN FAITH AND HUMAN RELATIONS will be held at the University Center, Nashville, Tennessee, April 23-25. Registration will take place Tuesday, April 23, 3:00 to 5:00 P.M. at Vanderbilt Divinity School.

The opening session will be highlighted by the reading of a statement from the President of the United States. We are in hopes that this is the long-awaited call for law and order. (This should be regarded as confidential. Don't try to scoop the Conference.)

A truly stellar group of people are scheduled to serve as speakers and resource people.

I am asking Will Campbell, Department of Racial and Cultural Relations (Southern region) of the National Council of Churches in Nashville to send each of you further information.

It is our belief that as many of you as possible should attend this meeting. Unfortunately, no travel funds are available from SRC or the Conference, but the meeting is sufficiently important that it would be worth the investment of travel funds by your state org. I plan to attend. Hope to see you there.

FBR:mm

April 5, 1957

Dr. Harold L. Lunger
Brite College of the Bible
Department of Christian Ethics
Texas Christian University
Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Dr. Lunger:

Thank you for your letter of April 2 regarding the Institute on the Church in a Multi-Racial Society. You asked if it would be possible for someone, perhaps me, from our organization to come and discuss with the group what is happening in key communities and the role played by the church.

While I should be glad to attend, I believe there are others who are better qualified than I for this purpose:

(1) Reverend John H. Marion, Executive Director
Virginia Council on Human Relations
100 East Franklin Street
Richmond, Virginia

(2) Reverend Hugh A. Brimm
Carver School of Missions and Social Work
2801 Lexington Road
Louisville, Ky.

(3) Mr. Will Campbell
National Council of Churches
1716 West End Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee.

Jack Marion is Director of our state affiliate in Virginia. He was long-time Executive Secretary of the social action end of the Presbyterian Church in Virginia. He is an excellent speaker and knowledgeable in the field of human relations. Hugh Brimm was formerly and is once again Director of our Kentucky affiliate. He is a Southern Baptist of liberal persuasion and once directed the social action end of the Southern Baptist Convention. He too was knowledgeable in this field. Will Campbell is now

Director of the Division of Racial and Cultural Relations (Southern area) of the National Council of Churches. He is a Mississippian, but is entirely liberal on the basic issues and is very knowledgeable in the field.

If you decide on any of them, please feel free to mention that I suggested them.

I do not know Martin Luther King, Jr.'s schedule for the summer. I do know he is out of the country for the moment, but believe he will be back by the time your institute meets. Your best bet for reaching him is:

Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr.
The Montgomery Improvement Association
530 South Union Street
Montgomery, Alabama.

Again, feel free in using my name.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

April 5, 1957

Mr. Oscar [redacted] Program Director,
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
515 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Mr. Cohen:

Enclosed, are two (2) copies of the March, NEW SOUTH in which the A.D. L. Release on Washington is reprinted. Needless to say, we think this an excellent piece of work and appreciate the effort by the A. D. L.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:cj

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Not on letterhead

April 5, 1957

Mr. Bob Bird
c/o Luke Carroll
New York Herald-Tribune
New York, New York

Dear Bob:

Here are thermofax copies of the insurance letters and a copy each of copies of Jordan's letter to the President and the Attorney General's letter to Jordan. Also enclosed are photostatic copies of the two key insurance letters.

The letter from Alexander and Company definitely should not be used until I indicate clearance. Sorry.

Personally, I think you are still in business as planned.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via

EFV:mm
Enclosures

Not on letterhead

April 5, 1957

Dr. Thomas F. Gossett
444 Corbin Avenue
Macon, Georgia

Dear Tom:

Here are copies of a revised statement which Ed Driscoll is taking repponsibility for in an attempt to get ministerial signatures. This supersedes, as I understand it, other efforts. Driscoll will send you a list of the ministers he has written to in Macon. If you wish to follow up these or secure other ministers, that would be fine. Please send all signed statements to Ed at 63 Auburn Avenue, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia.

Thanks,

Emory F. Via

Enclosures

April 5, 1957

Reverend Mr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
The Montgomery Improvement Association
530 South Union Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Mr. King:

Harold Lunger of the Brite College of the Bible at Texas Christian University will be writing you in the near future regarding the possibility of your speaking to the Institute on the Church in a Multi-Racial Society, at Texas Christian University, sometime between June 24th and July 12th.

If you can possibly make it, it would be a most worthwhile thing. The purpose of the Institute is to motivate and activate clergymen in the South into taking an active leadership role in this period of transition to an integrated democratic society.

Emory Via and I still remember with an inner sense of warmth our visit with you just before the integration of buses in Montgomery.

I was certainly glad to see that you got to talk with Vice President Nixon in Africa. The next step is to get him to tour the South in the interest of democracy, and to get the President to speak out for an end to violence, a respect for law and order, and compliance with the Supreme Court decision.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

April 5, 1957

Mr. Will Campbell
National Council of Churches
1716 West End Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Will:

Enclosed is a list of our state organizations. Please send each of them the announcement and the program material on the Conference on Christian Faith and Human Relations to be held April 23-24-25.

I'se a coming - but only for the first two days.

Best regards.

Your country cousin,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

Enclosure

April 8, 1957

Miss Margaret L. Fisher
Andrews, North Carolina

Dear Margaret:

Many thanks for your contribution to the George S. Mitchell Fund. The response has been quite good - a well deserved tribute to George and a very material help to the Council at this point.

Josephine tells me that you are planning a change. I hope this new phase holds much good fortune and satisfaction for you.

All best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:mm

April 8, 1957

Mr. Johnnie Weaver
754 East 93rd Street
Los Angeles 2, California

Dear Mr. Weaver:

Sincere thanks for your contribution and your good letter.

Dr. Mitchell's leadership will be sorely missed. However, those of us who carry on the work are determined to make as effective a contribution as possible to the progress of the South in this difficult period of transition. Such words of encouragement as those you have written us are deeply appreciated.

With kindest regards and good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:mm

April 8, 1957

Mr. Oscar Cohen
Anti-Defamation League
515 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Oscar:

I am delighted to hear that the Fund is going to help with the printing of the Field Reports. I'll look forward to hearing from you further as your distribution plans take shape.

It was good to see you, however briefly, in Washington and to learn that your Conference at the Shoreham was going well. I'm glad that Mrs. Tilly could be with you and am looking forward to her account of the proceedings.

Incidentally, I received a letter yesterday from Mr. May saying that he would be in Atlanta early next month and will be calling me about the 6th. I wrote him that you had mentioned his coming, and that I was looking forward to seeing him.

With all best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:mm

April 8, 1957

Mr. Edward Reed
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Ed:

I am glad to know that "A City Decides" is ready for distribution. We will probably want to buy at least one print ourselves, and we will certainly want to make the availability of the film known as widely as we can. So send us a goodly supply of the promotion circular when it is ready.

As for the film on Frederick Douglass, I should think that the best market for it in the South would be Negro organizations and institutions. (Douglass is not a popular figure among white Southerners.) If Contemporary Films hasn't circularized Negro high schools and colleges, they are missing a bet.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:mm

April 8, 1957

Mr. David F. Freeman
The Fund for the Republic
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Freeman:

On behalf of the Southern Regional Council, I acknowledge with great appreciation the Fund for the Republic's check for $1249.98. I am writing an acknowledgement and expression of thanks to the three winners of the American Traditions Contest whose nomination made this grant possible.

We took great pride in the fact that two courageous Southerners were the subjects of winning letters in the American Traditions project, and we consider it an honor that the Southern Regional Council has been selected by three of the winning letter writerw as the organisation they wished to see assisted.

At Mr. Malcolm Ross' request, the amount granted on his nomination will be allocated to the work of the Florida Council on Human Relations, and by a similar agreement with Mrs. E. Carol Klose one-half of that amount will also be ear-marked for the Florida Council.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:mm
Enclosure: Official Receipt

April 8, 1957

Mr. Malcolm Ross
University of Miami
Box 8105
University Branch
Coral Gables 46, Florida

Dear Mr. Ross:

We have just received from the Fund for the Republic the amount of $416.66 granted to the Southern Regional Council on your nomination as one of the winners of the American Traditions Contest.

It is my understanding that you wish us to allocate this amount to the Florida Council on Human Relations for its work in the Dade County area. Accordingly, we are forwarding our check for $416.66 to the Florida Council with a letter of explanation. I am sure that you will be hearing from Mr. Williams, the Executive Director, shortly.

Congratulations for your well deserved award and our thanks for the honor you have done the S.R.C. and the Florida Council on Human Relations.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:mm

April 8, 1957

Mrs. E. Carol Klose
161 Roberta Road
Ormond Beach, Florida

Dear Mrs. Klose:

We have just received the amount of $416.66 from the Fund for the Republic, representing the grant made at your request as a winner in the American Traditions Contest.

We are deeply grateful to you for designating the Southern Regional Council as the organization to receive this grant. In accordance with your request, we are forwarding one-half of this sum to the Florida Council on Human Relations for its fine work in that state.

Congratulations on this well deserved award and our warmest appreciation.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:mm

April 8, 1957

Mr. William K. Williams
Florida Council on Human Relations
213 N. E. Second Avenue
Miami, Florida

Dear Bill:

Enclosed is our check for $624.99. This represents part of a grant made to the Southern Regional Council by the Fund for the Republic at the request of two winners in the Fund's American Traditions Contest.

Mr. Malcolm Ross requested that the amount of $416.66, granted to the Southern Regional Council on his nomination, be allocated to the Florida Council for its work in the Dade County area. Mrs. E. Carol Klose requested that one-half of the same amount awarded on her nomination be allocated to the Florida Council for its work.

As I earlier wrote Mr. Caxton Doggett, these funds are passed on to the Florida Council with the understanding that they will become a part of the operating funds of the Florida Council and will be used by your organization.

I know you will wish to acknowledge this contribution directly to Mr. Ross and Mrs. Klose, as I have done on behalf of the Southern Regional Council.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:mm
Enclosure

April 8, 1957

Mr. David Koonce
The Evening Star
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Koonce:

We have just received the amount of $416.66 from the Fund for the Republic, a grant made on your nomination as one of the winners in the American Traditions Contest. We are deeply grateful to you for designating the Council as the organization to receive this award. This kind of recognition, unexpected and unsolicited, gives us great pride and encouragement.

I'd like to take this occasion too to express our appreciation for your recent article on race relations gains in the South. This airing of the positive developments in the region pointed up very helpfully the neglected side of the Southern story. The condensation of it carried by Newsweek was one measure of the interest it aroused.

It was good meeting you in Washington at the time of the American Traditions dinner. I hope our paths will cross again. Meanwhile, if there is any way that we can be helpful to you, be sure to call on us.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:mm

April 8, 1957

Mr. J. M. Tydings
The Lincoln Foundation, Inc.
1319 Heyburn Building
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Mr. Tydings:

This is to acknowledge your letter concerning a Mrs. Dorothy Sterling who has requested your help in preparing a book on school integration in the South.

Unfortunately, both files and memory fail me. If you could give me a little more information, perhaps I could do better. Did Mrs. Sterling mention me by name as the person who referred her to you, or did she simply say that she was referred by the Southern Regional Council? Is there anything in her letter - address, or other details - that might help us identify her?

I sympathise with your caution, and apologise for being so blank. The rush of people and events has been kaleidoscopic in recent months, and my memory is all too fallible.

All best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:mm

April 8, 1957

Mr. Roger H. Crook
Department of Religion
Meredith College
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Crook:

It was very thoughtful of you to write me about the reception your manuscript received at the Broadman Press. I very much hope that your revisions will be satisfactory to the Press and that we will soon see your book in published form.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:mm

April 8, 1957

Mr. Robert E. Kahn
108 Topliff Hall
Dartmouth College
Hanover, N. H.

Dear Mr. Kahn:

It was very thoughtful of you to send me a copy of your research paper on Negro housing in Atlanta, and I am complimented of course by the generous mention in your acknowledgements.

You have done a remarkably good job with the subject. I have read many honors theses which did not come up to this standard. I am sharing your paper with other members of our staff, who will not only be interested in reading it but will find it permanently useful as a reference document.

Congratulations on an excellent piece of work and all good wishes.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:mm

April 8, 1957

Dr. Harry W. Roberts, Head
Department of Sociology
Virginia State College
Petersburg, Virginia

Dear Dr. Roberts:

At this late date, I am willing to relax all restraints on the use of the suffrage data which you collected for us last fall. We are pushing hard on the final report and have high hopes of getting it in print within a short time. However, I don't think any other use of your data will conflict with our report in any way.

The Council's Fellows program, unfortunately, fell into disuse and was abandoned as an active aspect of the work several years ago. It has never been formally discontinued, and those persons who have been appointed Fellows still hold the title.

I appreciate your good wishes as I take on the difficult job of Director, and we are most grateful for your contribution to the George S. Mitchell Fund.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:mm

April 8, 1957

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
American Association for the United Nations, Inc.
345 East 46th Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I thought you would like to know that Mrs. David Levy, whom I saw recently in New York, is assisting the Southern Regional Council with a very generous contribution this year and has agreed to make a similar contribution for two succeeding years. It was very pleasant to see your picture prominently displayed in her library, where we talked.

May I take this opportunity to add my own thanks to those of Fred Routh for your kind contribution to the work of the Southern Regional Council at this time of special need. Your friendship and support mean a great deal to us as we face the heavy responsibilities of an organization of this kind in the South today.

With warm good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:mm

MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL SRC CONSULTANTS April 8, 1957
FROM: JOHN HOPE II, Chief Consultant

The main purpose of this memo is to ask you to mark the dates May 10 and 11 on your calendar. We want to convene all consultants who have been involved in our Consultant Service Program in the past year for a meeting in Atlanta on these dates. The purpose is to appraise our past and plan our future program. The effectiveness of your important contribution to the effort is apparent in many ways but one of the most obvious of these is the fact that a Foundation has seen fit to underwrite this phase of the SRC program for another year. Thus, we are "in business" with greater opportunities before us and at the same time more of a challenge to our ingenuity, training, technical skill and "horse sense" to find the best ways of using this apparently effective tool for the best interest of the South and the nation during this crucial transitional period.

Please hold these dates open for us. I will advise you further about the specific plans for this meeting in the near future. It will probably begin with dinner at 6:00 p.m. May 10 and end the next day (Saturday) about 4:00.

In the meanwhile, if you have suggestions or criticisms that might be helpful to us in planning this conference, they will be gratefully received.

Finally you will be interested to know that we hope to give greater emphasis to servicing local communities in the coming year and assisting within the limits of budget organizations and groups unaffiliated with SRC as well as our affiliates on the basis of need and the prospect of improving and enriching their contribution to the objectives which we seek. This may necessitate the broadening of our consultant panel both as to number and range of training and experience. To this end, I will welcome your suggestions of the names (address and brief statement of qualifications, etc.) of persons who are qualified by training, temperament, and interest to serve as consultants. These may include persons with the more specialized skills pertinent to particular problem areas as well as those with the broader qualifications for general consultative purposes such as our present panel demonstrates, e.g., professional educators; persons trained and experienced in religion but with training and/or experience in the area of community organization and social action; industrial and labor relations persons; functionaries in and students with training and experience in dealing with law enforcement, municipal administration, school boards and administrators, etc. However, I must emphasize that this request does not imply resources for major expansion of our services but rather the somewhat selfish interest in adding a few of the very best persons available to fit the needs of our service while compiling a much larger list from which we may comfortable suggest competent persons to others seeking consultant services, some of which are outside of the scope of our program. Such requests are on the increase and any contributions that can be made toward furnishing qualified technical resources to points of need is itself an important service at this time.

Please advise me promptly whether you are free to attend this meeting on May 10th and 11th.

April 8, 1957

Mr. T. H. Todd, Research Director,
Colored American Hall of Fame
Jamestown Area
Williamsburg, Virginia

Dear Mr. Todd:

Your letter of March 29th to Dr. Mitchell has been given to me for an answer.

We appreciate your asking us for our recommendations for the Hall of Fame and we could draw up an extensive list of outstanding Negro Americans. However, at the suggestion of Miss Florence Irving, our Research Assistant, we think that any recommendations that we might make are contained in the book, A Pictorial History of the Negro in America, by Langston Hughes and Milton Meltzer. I am sure the publisher of this book would have an ample supply of pictures which you could possibly use.

Again, thanks for your interest and best wishes for your Project.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:cj

April 8, 1957

Miss Phyllis Dunham, Librarian
Adams State College
Alamosa Colorado

Dear Miss Dunham:

The Department of Education for each state usually issues an annual directory which lists each public school, its principal, and the number of teachers. In the states having separate schools, the Negro schools are identified. I think you would secure the information you desire if you request these directories from each State Superintendent of Education. If the reports are not complete, a request to the Negro Teacher Association in each state having separate organizations, should yield additional information.

I am enclosing a list of state teacher associations and checking those I know to be Negro. A list of desegregating colleges is also being sent.

The names of the public and private colleges whose students are predominantly Negro can be obtained from the Directory of Higher Education issued by the U. S. Office of Education.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving,
Research Assistant

FBI:fc
Encl.

April 8, 1957

Professor G. McLeod Bryan
Department of Philosophy
Washington University
Saint Louis, Mo.

Dear Mac:

I have been hearing indirectly of your good work in your new location. It was very pleasant to hear from you directly.

I hope the material that John Constable has sent you will be of help in preparing your chapter ~~from~~ for Haddam House. Let us know if we can supply further information.

Your good wishes mean a lot to us as we try to make the best contribution possible in this time of crisis. I know you will be making your own contribution also, and I'm looking forward to many occasions on which we will work together.

All good wishes.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:mm

April 9, 1957

Mr. Harry S. Jones
Executive Secretary
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
Room 209
121 East Third Street
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

Thank you for your letter of March 25 regarding the up-coming state staff conference. Glad you will be able to attend.

Regarding Mr. Chance's attending, this is a matter for your Executive Committee to decide. This is a meeting for professional staff people employed by state organisations affiliated with SRC. If Mr. Chance fits that description in the eyes of your state organisation, then he should come. If he does not, then he shouldn't come. I suggest you show a copy of the original memo on the staff conference to the Executive Committee or whatever officer of the N.C. Council makes the decision.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

Dictated but not read by Mr. Routh.
Signed in his absense.

Texas

April 9, 1957

Mr. Edwin G. Kloppe, Executive Director
Texas Commission on Race Relations
504 West Twenty-Fourth Street
Austin, Texas

Dear Mr. Kloppe:

In the absence of Fred Routh, this is to confirm his plans to be with you on April 26 and 27.

There seems to be some doubt as to the city in which the meeting will be held. Is it San Antonio? Will you please indicate this by return mail in order that we can arrange plane reservations.

It will be necessary for Fred to leave Atlanta on the morning of the 26th since he has a speaking engagement on the evening of the 25th. However, we will arrange the earliest possible flight on that date.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Anthony,
Administrative Assistant

PA/hs

Air Mail - Special Delivery

April 9, 1957

Mr. Julius Schatz, Director
Community Service Bureau
American Jewish Congress
Stephen Wise Congress House
15 East 84th Street
New York 28, New York

Dear Mr. Schatz:

I have received your letter of April 4 with further information about my participation in the May 7 meeting of the Women's Division of the American Jewish Congress. I have received several communiques from various members of the Women's Division, and believe I now have a sufficient grasp of what is expected of me at this session.

You asked if there is anything further you can do to assist me with hotel reservations and the like. I wrote you on March 29 and said I would appreciate it if you could make a reservation for a single room with shower at the Shoreham Hotel or another one close by if the Shoreham reservations were all gone for the night of May 7. I use an air travel card, and will arrange my own transportation and AJC can reimburse SRC at a later date. I want to thank you for your generosity in assuming the burden of my travel expenses.

Mrs. Polier called on Friday and asked for a biography and a glossy print for publicity purposes. I got those off Air Mail Special Delivery Friday morning. I note that you ask in the last paragraph of your letter of April 4 for several biographies and glossy prints. I will get these off to you this afternoon or, better yet, will enclose them with this letter.

I look forward to being with you on May 7th. Warm regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm
Enclosures

April 9, 1957

Reverend C. Emerson Smith
Presbyterian Church
P. O. Box 1587
Foley, Alabama

Dear Emerson:

Paul Anthony told me you were by the office a week or so ago and I was sorry that I was out of town. I had not realized you were in Alabama and back in the active pastorate.

We need guys like you in this field of human relations. Not only are there souls to save, but lives as well, and I am sure that the latter is just as pleasing in the sight of the good Lord as the former.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

Enclosure

FBR:mm

Dictated but not read by Mr. Routh.
Signed in his absence.

April 9, 1957

Dr. C. H. Parrish
926 South Sixth Street
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear C. H.:

I am sending you under separate cover "The Case of the Lively Ghost," put out by the American Foundation for Political Education. Emory Via got a copy for each of our state orgs and senior staff members.

Best personal regards. See you in Memphis.

As ever,

Frederick B. Routh

FBR:mm

Dictated but not read by Mr. Routh.
Signed in his absence.

April 9, 1957

Mrs. Molly Todd
1489 Clairmont Place
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Molly:

We have just recently learned that a chap who used to be an executive with the Virginia Council of Churches in the field of race relations has moved to a rather small parish in Alabama. He would, I believe, make an excellent Director for the Tennessee Council. I do not know that he is available, but you might write him and inquire about his availability.

Reverend C. Emerson Smith
Presbyterian Church
P. O. Box 1587
Foley, Alabama.

He is a truly fine individual and a very able person in our field of interest.

Warm regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

cc: Reverend C. Emerson Smith

FBR:mm

Dictated but not read by Mr. Routh.
Signed in his absence.

April 9, 1957
Dictated April 8

Mr. Armand Ball
Northeast Florida Council on Human Relations
206 Baptist Building
Jacksonville 2, Florida

Dear Armand:

This is just a note to tell you how well I thought the meeting in Jacksonville went. I believe a great deal of preparation had gone into the meeting and certainly from the point of view of John Hope, consultants, C.H., and myself, it was well worthwhile. On the way back, John, C.H., and I talked about the meeting and we rated it one of the better ones which we have attended.

Would you please send me Bill Greenleaf's home address so I might drop him a note of thanks for being my good host while I was in Jacksonville.

If you ever get up to Atlanta, be sure and stop by the office and we will discuss current events in the South and I will be glad to show you around town.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

Dictated but not read by Mr. Routh.
Signed in his absence.

April 9, 1957

Mr. Ralph F. Fuchs
American Association of University Professors
1785 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Fuchs:

I have received your letter of April 2 referring to the situation at Florida State University. I have been in correspondence, as you have noted, with Mr. Hollis Rinehart on the State Board of Control. I have recently received a reply from him regarding this matter, and he assures me that the administration at F.S.U. has accorded Professor Vance a due process hearing on the stated charges. With you, I hope that the situation will be resolved by this means and without violence to the principles of academic freedom or tenure.

I should very much like any further information about subsequent developments as they arise. If I can be of any assistance to you, please let me know. As you probably know, I am a member of A.A.U.P. and for a number of years taught at the University of Miami in Florida.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

April 9, 1957

Mr. Cornelius C. Tarplee
Box 853
Lynchburg, Virginia

Dear Neal:

Thank you for the copy of your letter to Bishop Claiborne; I believe it is a good one. I note that you sent a similar letter to Bishop Stuart. I wonder if it would be possible to suggest to the Bishops that they issue a joint statement urging the upholding of law and order and the ending of violence in the Americus community. I dropped a note to Bishop Hobson up in Cincinnati and suggested that he might, as a brother Bishop, drop them a note suggesting such action.

This morning we received in the mail our annual contribution from the National Council of the Episcopal Church of $1000.00. Believe me, this is a great aid to us and a contribution which we particularly appreciate. Harold Fleming will write an official note of thanks to the National Council itself, but I wanted you to know how much we appreciated this donation.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

April 9, 1957

Mr. Samuel Lubell
845 West End Avenue
New York 25, New York

Dear Mr. Lubell:

At the suggestion of Harold Fleming, we are enclosing reproductions of portions of two recent issues of The Citizens' Council.

You will note in these papers the section, "A Manual for Southerners" - teaching materials being prepared by the Mississippi WCC for use in the public schools. These manuals express much of the current white thinking and illustrate the type of thinking now being promoted by a considerable group in the region.

As other manuals are issued we will send them to you if you feel they will be of any value.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

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April 9, 1957

Mr. John G. Feild
President
National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials
900 Cadillac Square Building
Detroit 26, Michigan

Dear John:

I have received your letter of April 4th, informing Board Members and Chairmen of Commissions, Departments, and Committees of NAIRO that the Board meeting has been moved to April 12 and 13. I very much regret I will be unable to attend this meeting for I have been scheduled for a special conference in Memphis during those two days.

I had made special arrangements to get to New York for the meeting which was scheduled for May 3 and 4, including the opportunity to have my way paid by another organization, but as we say down here, life is sometimes like that.

Some time ago I wrote you agreeing to serve as Chairman of the Commission on Education, and I ended the letter by asking if you knew of any industrialists or other people in the Detroit area who might be interested in donating to the Southern Regional Council. These are, as you know, extremely critical times in the South and it is more difficult than ever to raise funds. This is especially true for those organizations which do not accept the segregation orthodoxy. Therefore, any leads you might be able to give us would be very deeply appreciated.

I will be in Michigan in mid-June, for I am speaking to the UAW-CIO at its FDR camp on June 20th. I will certainly take time to look you up then and we can get together, bend an elbow, and talk over our respective work.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

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April 9, 1957
(Dictated April 8, 1957)

Rev. Robert E. Hughes
Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations, Inc.
Room 1218 Comer Building
Birmingham 3, Alabama

Dear Bob:

I have received a copy of the letter you wrote Duncan Hunter regarding the financial situation in Alabama. With you, I am dismayed at the critical condition, yet I would point out to you that the other states are in a similar position. I believe the letter is a good one, and I hope it will produce some action on Dunc's part and also on the part of members of the Finance Committee.

In response to your letter of April 3, I have: (1) sent the list of all state directors to Will Campbell in Nashville, suggesting that he send them at least one brochure on the Conference; (2) sent out a state staff memorandum encouraging participation in this Council.

I like your idea of emphasizing the bringing together of ministers across racial lines. There is a group in Orlando, Florida, that has been doing an outstanding job. Actually, it is under the auspices of a local chapter of the Florida Council. They have a sub-committee called the Ministers Inter-Faith Committee on Human Relations, and people from all the various religions come together once a month at a luncheon meeting to hear a speaker and to discuss the problems of human relations. They have had participation by most of the major Protestant denominations and from the Jewish groups. As yet, the Catholic groups have not participated, but there is an interest on the part of at least one local priest, and this too may develop. I was invited down to speak to them last month, and the meeting went very well. Previous speakers had been the Episcopal Bishop of the Diocese of South Florida and the Bishop of the A.M.E. Church from North Florida.

I will call you later this morning to inform you that it will now be possible for me to come to Alabama May 3 and 4 as you requested. The

NAIRO Board Meeting has been moved to mid-April, unfortunately, to two dates for which I had previous committments, so I shall be unable to make the meeting of the NAIRO Board. However, it does clear the way for my coming to Alabama, and as I have often told the other Board members of NAIRO, saving the South has certain priority.

Best regards to Dottie and you.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

Dictated but not read by Mr. Routh.

April 10, 1957

Mr. W. D. Weatherford,
Vice-Chairman, Board of Trustees,
Berea College
Berea, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Weatherford:

In the absence of Mr. Fleming, we are answering your letter of April 8th. It is somewhat difficult, as you can well imagine, to suggest a minister for your topic. They exist but to ask them to go on record at this time of crisis is to ask a great deal.

However, any of the following three persons would contribute much to your conference:

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1. Dr. Albert Barnett,
   Head, Candler School of Theology
   Emory University, Georgia

2. Miss Thelma Stevens, Sec'y,
   Christian Social Relations,
   Woman's Div. of Christian Service,
   The Methodist Church
   150 Fifth Avenue
   New York 11, New York

3. Mrs. M. E. Tilly,
   Director of Women's Work,
   The Southern Regional Council
   63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
   Atlanta, Georgia

Our best wishes for your conference.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Anthony,
Administrative Assistant

PA:cj

Dr. Weatherford:

On further checking, our research office has turned up the attached list of churches with interracial membership. You may prefer to select a speaker from this list.

April 10, 1957

Mr. Roy Wilkins
Executive Secretary
National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People
Twenty West Fortieth Street
New York, New York

Dear Roy:

Many thanks for sending me a copy of the reply you received from the Department of Justice. Henry had earlier sent me a copy of your letter, which I thought was extremely well done. Clearly it was, since it elicited from the Department of Justice the nearest thing yet to a repudiation of Manning Johnson. This gives us all something we can use to good affect.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

April 10, 1957

Mr. John H. Wheeler
Mechanics and Farmers Bank
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

Having been absent almost continuously from the office recently, I have only today learned of the sad loss of your father.

He was our good friend, and we shall sorely miss him here in Atlanta. To you and the other members of your family, those of us on the staff send our deepest sympathy.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

April 10, 1957

Mr. J. M. Tydings
The Lincoln Foundation, Inc.
1319 Heyburn Building
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Tydings:

Thanks for your prompt response. Your mention of Myron Ehrenberg brought sudden illumination. When I was in New York sometime ago, I was introduced to Mr. Ehrenberg and an associate (not Mrs. Sterling) by Arnold Aronson of the National Community Relations Advisory Committee -- the national coordinating body of Jewish agencies. As I understood the matter, Mr. Ehrenberg and two writers, including Mrs. Sterling, were preparing a picture-text book to be entitled Tender Warriors under contract with one of the large publishing houses, I believe, Harpers. The other writer, whom I met, is employed by Time-Life.

In view of the reputable auspices under which they were introduced to me and the apparent respectability of the publishing arrangements, I did suggest several persons in the states they would visit who might helpfully advise them. You were one of the persons I suggested. Of course, my suggestion does not imply in any way that you or the others should be identified with the project or called upon to lend your name or reputation to it.

I am not acquainted, so far as I know, with Mrs. Sterling herself and so cannot vouch for her on any personal basis. Please do not regard my having mentioned your name as implying any insistent request that you cooperate if it does not seem wise to you.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

April 10, 1957

Mr. Maxwell Hahn
Executive Vice-President
The Field Foundation, Inc.
250 Fifth Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Hahn:

In view of the Field Foundation's assistance to *New South*, I thought you would be interested in the enclosed critique from the columns of the pro-segregationist Jackson, Mississippi, *Clarion-Ledger*. We felt rather proud of this working over, since it indicates that Mr. Ethridge, at any rate, feels *New South* is making an effective contribution to desegregation.

I am also enclosing a piece of evidence from Alabama that indicates the growing awareness of the threat to Southern economic development presented by the activities of the Ku Klux Klan and other extremist elements.

I enjoyed our recent conversation. If there are occasions in which we can assist you with information or otherwise, please feel free to call on me.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encls.

April 10, 1957

Dr. William G. Wright
The National Council
Protestant Episcopal Church
Church Missions House
281 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Dr. Wright:

We are deeply grateful to the National Council for its annual contribution to the work of the Southern Regional Council. Our official receipt is enclosed.

Now, in particular, when the demands for this kind of work in the South are so great, the continuing friendship and support of the Episcopal Church is invaluable to us.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encl. SRC Official Receipt $1,000

April 10, 1957

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

I was sorry to hear that you were laid low by the flu. I hope this finds you back at home and substantially recovered. We would have sent you a word of cheer to the hospital but didn't find out where you were until it appeared to be too late.

As Paul Anthony will have notified you, the Executive Committee meeting was set for the 17th and 18th. Since your expressed preference was the 16th and 17th, I tried to reach you by telephone before we made this decision. In the light of the preferences expressed, these seemed clearly to be the logical dates, and I hope very much that you will be able to be with us. Perhaps at that time we can get caught up on the many developments since I saw you last.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

April 10, 1957

Mr. Martin Deutsch, Ph.D.
Scientific Motivation and Attitude Consultants
510 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Marty:

It was good to hear from you again after too long a lapse in our communication. It's very good news indeed that you have succeeded in finding at least a small sum for participation of social scientists in programs on Southern desegregation. I will certainly be offering some suggestions to you.

I hope we can get together again soon. I expect to be in New York again before too long, at which time I will give you a call. Meanwhile, all the best to you and Cyn.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

NOT ON LETTERHEAD

April 10, 1957

Mr. Robert Bird
c/o Mr. Luke Carroll
New York Herald-Tribune
New York, N.Y.

Dear Bob:

A good story and helpful. Sorry you had to rush it.

The grand jury business is likely to keep drawing fire. You may be interested in the enclosed statement from the United Churchwomen of Georgia.

Koinonia is scheduled to have an answer to the grand jury soon.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via

EFV:mm
Enclosure

April 10, 1957

Mr. P. F. Ayer
Executive Secretary
Council of the Southern Mountains, Inc.
College Box 2000
Berea, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Ayer:

Thank you for writing me so fully about the Southern Regional Council's relationship with the Council of the Southern Mountains. As you know, we hold your organization in very high esteem and are pleased to be considered a cooperating organization.

Enclosed is a check for $10.00 to cover our continuing institutional membership.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encl.

same memo to Ben Segal

April 10, 1957

Dear Paul:

As you will see from the attached, our request to the AFL-CIO will be before the Executive Council at its meeting of May 20th.

I had occasion to talk with Philip Randolph recently, and he agreed to give us his whole-hearted support. Any further spadework that you find it possible to do will help greatly.

Best regards

April 10, 1957

Dear Frank:

Thanks for letting me see the enclosed. I found both items very interesting. I can't say I agree with the single-minded interpretation offered by Buford Boone and the Southern persons quoted by Ben Epstein. Their analysis is too simple and would lead logically to the conclusion that if the South is simply allowed to stew in its own juice everything will ultimately work out all right. Of course, there is such a thing as ill-advised outside pressure and interference, but the answer is not to be found in a simple "leave the South alone" formula.

I am sure you see the situation much as I do, but I thought you might want to have this much comment.

All the best.

April 10, 1957

Miss Eleanor G. Coit
Director
American Labor Education Service, Inc.
1776 Broadway
New York 19, New York

Dear Miss Coit:

It's very kind of you to ask for my bill for the round trip flight from Atlanta to New York. The cost of the ticket was $91.03, representing I think first class flight up and coach fare back.

I remember the ALES conference with much pleasure. Emory Via and I benefitted from it in many ways.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

April 10, 1957

Mrs. John B. Rose
255 South Hanover Avenue
Lexington, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Rose:

Thank you very much for your note just received. I am putting down the dates, August 5th-9th on my schedule and I am more than happy that I will be back with the Kentucky women for their School of Missions. The subject of the Course, "Christ, the Church and Race," is most opportune and I am hoping the Church women over the nation will really get council and courage from it.

With best wishes for the School, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly,
Director of Women's Work

MET:cj

April 10, 1957

Miss Betty Trumbaturi,
Administrative Secretary,
Louisiana Council on Human Relations
303 Board of Trade Annex Bldg.
New Orleans 12, La.

Dear Miss Trumbaturi:

Your letter of April 8th, concerning clippings has been referred to me.

We have returned all clippings that we have received from you. The latest packet was mailed on April 8th. I sincerely hope that none of these have been lost, but since there was a return address, they should be returned to us if they do not reach you.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:cj

April 10, 1957

Miss Patricia Ann Stodghill
c/o Burton, Route 9, Box 809-C
Tucson, Arizona

Dear Miss Stodghill:

Thank you for your Post Card of April 4th requesting information concerning our Organization. We are sending you, under separate cover, some informational material about our Organization; a sample copy of our monthly publication, NEW SOUTH and some information concerning some of our latest publications.

The Council does not have memberships as such, but many people in the South are members of our State affiliates which are described in the information we are sending to you. As you will note, we do not have an affiliate in Arizona. However, persons outside of the South, may subscribe to our publication and can participate in our work through contributions.

Again, we very much appreciate your very kind interest and if we can be of additional help, please write to us.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:ej

separate cover:

April 11, 1957

Dr. Charles Fairman,
Professor of Law,
Law School of Harvard University
Cambridge 38, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Fairman:

Thank you for your letter of March 22nd, giving permission to reprint your Article from the *Harvard Law Review*. We expect to reprint this article in the May issue of *New South* and I will see that you get an ample supply of copies.

Also, thanks for obtaining permission from the *Harvard Law Review* by telephone. However, I had already written to the *Review* and received permission by mail a few days after your letter.

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You mentioned that it is permissible to use the sub-heads contained in the *Presbyterian Outlook*. I wonder if it might not also be permissible to use out own sub-heads in order that they might break better on the pages of the magazine. This is not a necessity but we would appreciate this, if it is possible.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:cj

April 12, 1957

Mr. Garvey E. Clarke
317 Wheeler Hall
Dartmouth College
Hanover, New Hampshire

Dear Mr. Clarke:

In response to your inquiry of the 10th, we are sending to you, under separate cover, a collection of materials which should be of considerable help in your project. Included in this material, are a number of quotations from literature of the "resistance groups."

Unfortunately, our file on resistance groups' literature must remain with us. However, you can receive a wealth of this material by writing to these groups and indicating your interest as a student.

I suggest: Georgia States' Rights Council
The William-Oliver Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Association of Citizens' Councils of Miss.
605 Plaza Building
Jackson, Mississippi

Thank you for your advance payment of $2.00 for these materials. Such consideration helps us to continue our Information Service.

If we can be of further help, let us know.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Anthony,
Administrative Assistant

PA:ej

separate cover:

April 12, 1957

Dr. Hugh A. Brimm
Acting Director
Kentucky Council on Human Relations
208 West Main Street
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Hugh:

We are delighted to know that you have responded favorably to the request of the Kentucky Council. In Kentucky, as with the other states, there remains much to be done, and we have great confidence in your ability to continue the good work done there.

Enclosed is a copy of our letter to Miss Ruthenburg, confirming the salary payments requested by the Kentucky Council. You will note that these requirements leave a remainder of $161.67 per month as salary for the acting director through September 30th. I hope this will be enough to cover the amount of time you will be able to give.

The remaining $1,000 designated for your consultant program is to be used during the same period, running through September 30th. We will honor an expense report for any good program which you feel meets the requirements of consultant service, including expenses incurred in printing, travel, and the like. We suggest that the deficit of $376.00 be considered in this manner and that you use any funds raised to help your general program rather than as repayment to the consultant project.

We stand ready to extend any help possible and offer our best wishes as you resume your work with the Kentucky Council.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encl.

April 12, 1957

Miss Dorcas Ruthenburg
Courier Journal, WHAS
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Dorcas:

We are extremely happy to hear of the Kentucky Council's continued progress and enthusiasm. You have made excellent strides in the state, and it would be a great loss if the organization should flag.

In regard to the financial situation, the Kentucky Council has a remainder of $2,599.96 for staff salaries. Of this we are paying Galen Martin $189.40, for the period April 1-10, as you requested. Also at your request, as of April 1 we are paying Miss Scott a salary of $240 per month. This salary for the grant period through September 30th, plus the current payment to Galen, will leave a remainder of $970.57 as salary for Dr. Brimm. This amount, at the monthly rate of $161.67, will be paid to Dr. Brimm in the usual manner, beginning April 1. All three persons concerned will receive their checks as indicated above on April 15th, and their regularly thereafter on a bi-monthly basis.

I only hope that the amount available for Dr. Brimm's part-time salary will be sufficient.

You do have, of course, a remainder of $1,000 in the consultant program. These funds will be supplied for projects you originate which can be reasonably considered to be of a consultative nature. Expenses of travel, communication, and printing may fit those requirements.

We look forward to having frequent reports from you and the Kentucky Council on the work you have outlined. And again, our very best wishes for the current fund-raising efforts and for the continued good work of the group.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

cc: Dr. Hugh A. Brimm

April 12, 1956

Mr. Herbert Bernard
Fund for Republic Newsfilms Project
1213 N. Highland Avenue
Los Angeles 38, California

Dear Mr. Bernard:

Mrs. Ruby Hurley asked that we send you clippings quoting public officials who have made pro-segregation statements. There are many such clippings in our files and if those being sent to you are not suitable, we can probably find others that will fill your needs. We are sending 46. Please return those that you will not use immediately. We hope that you will be able to complete the use of all clippings and return them to us within two weeks. These are our only copies and we do not wish them out of our files for too long a period.

If it is necessary to block out any writing or notes that we have on the clippings, feel free to do so. However, please do not permanently remove the names and dates of publications. "Southern Regional Council" is stamped on the back of each clipping in order that you may identify those which belong to us.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving,
Research Assistant

FBI:fc
Encl.

April 15, 1957

Mr. John Bartlow Martin
185 Maple Avenue
Highland Park, Illinois

Dear John:

Right after I talked with you last week, another tide of activity submerged me, so that I have to apologize again for being so long about this.

As I told you, I thought your manuscript was extremely well done, and would cheerfully have seen it in print, even without the benefit of the fly-specking that others and I are giving it.

I trust Florence Irving's earlier letter gave you what you needed on your specific queries. Only two supplementary remarks. First, the judge who jailed the NAACP leader in Atlanta, Judge Durwood Pye, wasn't a Talmadge legislative leader, but was appointed by Talmadge to the Georgia Education Commission, the state body set up to carry on Georgia's fight for segregated schools. In this capacity and in his private capacity as a lawyer, Pye has long been a rabid advocate for white supremacy. Second, the bill deplored by the Richmond News Leader's editorial did pass.

On pages 4 and 5, you used the word "apartness" as characterizing Southern segregation. Of course, physical apartness has never been important in Southern racial practices. The central factor has been status. Traditionally, that could be any amount of physical closeness so long as the assumption of Negro inferiority and subordination was present in the situation. I think it is extremely important for the uninitiated to understand that segregation is based on psychological rather than physical considerations. On page 11, you say that Walter Reuther was attacked "because he gave the NAACP $75,000." The charge is generally made that Reuther gave $75,000 of UAW dues money to the

NAACP: actually, he presented a check on behalf of the Philip Murray Memorial Fund. I don't know whether you will feel this is worth making a change for.

Others may already have raised with you the question of Grover Hall reversing himself. Don't let them talk you out of too much. He may not have reversed himself, but he sure backed off of his early strong condemnation of the citizens councils.

On page 16, at the bottom, you refer to Faulkner's statements about fighting in the streets, quoted in the Reporter. As you may know, Faulkner strongly denied that he said this, and it is true that he has said a great deal since that directly contradicts any such pro-Confederate sympathy.

On page 64, the middle paragraph, I think you overstate the unanimity of white opinion. We have found that there is a good deal of variation -- I don't mean just among the handful of liberals -- in the intensity of segregation attitudes, and in the lengths to which people will willingly go to maintain one hundred per cent segregation. The trouble is that the "silent South" was never properly defined. It consists of white people who do not believe in desegregation as such, but who believe that the price of all-out defiance is too high. These people are mostly silent simply because the political leadership has attached such a large penalty to this kind of dissent. Even so, you hear from them once in a while -- as in the case of the great Sugar Bowl controversy, the unsuccessful attempts to re-segregate professional baseball in the South, and Gene Cook's abortive attempt to enforce a state-wide segregation loyalty oath on teachers. As the damage gets greater, I would expect more from the unwilling dissenters. While our own affiliated organizations are weak in the deep South, the very fact that they have been able to continue is a measure of some rational sentiment.

On page 66, you deal with the question of the price, and you ask, "Can the South afford to pay white labor?" The real question is whether the South can continue to industrialize indefinitely without incorporating Negroes into the labor pool? And the answer is no. At the present rate of industrialization, the South's white manpower reserve will be exhausted before very many years have passed. Meanwhile, Negro workers are leaving the South in large numbers. Sooner or later -- and I think sooner -- the industrialists are going to realize that the choice cannot wait until white manpower is scarce, but that steps must be taken sooner to introduce full job opportunities for Negroes. When that time comes, the South will have to start redefining the total status of the Negro, in terms of public facilities as well as jobs.

On page 67, last full paragraph, you say that industrialization may make desegregation harder since it puts whites and Negroes in competition for factory jobs. I think this would be true in a period of depression or recession. But so long as full employment holds up, I think the positive effects of industrialisation should greatly outweigh the negative.

Since I talked with you on the phone, I have re-read the fourth section and have thought more about why I felt it was too bleak a picture." I guess it boils down to the fact that you are describing the "Black Belt." So far as that area is concerned -- and I mean the rural, old plantation counties -- your statements are true. But even the deep South contains a lot of territory that isn't Black Belt. And while it is true that the Black Belt, through the warped state political systems, has put a stranglehold on the whole area, I don't think that the north Alabama, north Georgia, and even up-state South Carolina counties are willing to pay the disastrous price that the Black Belts may be willing to pay.

It is in this sense that I think the deep South state officials are in an overextended position and have, within their own states, a "fifth column" of conservative leadership that will betray their great segregation crusade as the chips really get down.

I hope all of this is of some use to you, and that your fifth section has turned out well.

All best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

April 15, 1957

Miss Thelma Stevens,
Executive Secretary,
Woman's Division of Christian Service
Board of Missions,
The Methodist Church
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Miss Stevens:

Thank you very much for your letter of April 12, 1957 and your request for additional packets of materials. They are on the way to you and I hope that they will be of some use.

Again, thanks for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:oj

separate cover:

April 15, 1957

Rev. Harry S. Jones, Exec. Dir.,
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
121 East Third Street, Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry,

Yes, we can let you have some back copies of NEW SOUTH for distribution. We can let you have these at 5¢ each which is 1/2 of the cost of printing. We would want to do this since there is a good chance that it might help expand our subscription list as well as help you in your Drive.

Shall I send them right away?

Sincerely yours,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:cj

April 15, 1957

Mr. Milton C. Vigo, Exec. Dir.,
La. Council on Human Relations
303 Board of Trade Annex Bldg.
New Orleans 12, La.

Dear Milton,

In answer to your letter of April 12, 1957 concerning the hiring of policemen , the only recent data that we have is contained in Desegregation, North and South. I think you have a copy of this. There is no recent statement here concerning the hiring of policemen.

Sorry we can not be of help to you.

With best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:cj

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April 15, 1957

Superintendent of Education
State Department of Education
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Sir:

Please send us the Annual Report of the State Department of Education for 1955-56 or for the latest period available.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving,
Research Assistant

FBI:fc

Same letter sent to:

Superintendents of Education of:

Arkansas
Florida
Georgia
Kentucky
Louisiana
Mississippi
North Carolina
Oklahoma,
South Carolina
Tennessee
Texas
Virginia

April 15, 1957

Miss Mary Texas Hurt
Secretary of State
State Capitol
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Miss Hurt:

Please send us the most recent edition of your state directory and manual.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving,
Research Assistant

FBI:fc

This same letter sent to Secretaries of States of:

Arkansas
Florida
Georgia
Kentucky
Louisiana
Mississippi
North Carolina
Oklahoma
South Carolina
Tennessee
Texas
Virginia

April 15, 1957

Doris Duke Foundation
41 East Fifty-Seventh Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed is a proposal which we hope and believe the Doris Duke Foundation will regard as an important opportunity.

As you will see, the grant requested will not in any way be applied to the operating budget of the Southern Regional Council. The Council will merely be the instrumentality for a much needed service to religious groups in the deep South.

We shall be grateful to the Foundation for its consideration of this project on its merits.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encl.

April 15, 1957

MEMORANDUM

A Proposal to the Doris Duke Foundation from the Southern Regional Council.

The Southern Regional Council asks the Doris Duke Foundation to consider a one-year grant of $5,000 to make possible a program of special assistance to church people in five deep South states. The funds would be used to pay modest stipends and travel expenses for a dedicated, able, and respected churchwoman in each of the five states, these persons to bring leadership and inspiration to other churchwomen, ministers, and religious lay leaders in the communities within their states.

We wish to emphasize at the outset that this grant would in no way assist the general operating budget of the Southern Regional Council. The Council simply happens to be an appropriate instrument through which this needed service to religious forces in the deep South can be financed and administered. The Council has traditionally exerted great care to respect the autonomy of church groups with which it has worked over the years, and similarly in this instance would avoid giving any heavily organisational cast to these services.

We are fortunate in having on our staff, as Director of Women's Work, Mrs. M. E. Tilly, whose name and work will be familiar to the Foundation. Mrs. Tilly is a Methodist churchwoman, widely known and respected in the South for her work with church people of the several faiths and denominations on behalf of human rights. She has consistently worked within the established religious channels to bring purpose and effectiveness to the religious conscience that operates so powerfully among Southern people. The program here proposed is based on Mrs. Tilly's perception of the special need in these five states and would be directed by her.

The unique role of churchwomen in advancing recognition of equal human dignity in the South has long since been demonstrated and accepted. It has been evident since the early 'twenties through the work of the old Commission on Interracial Cooperation, the Association of Southern Women for the Prevention of Lynching, and more recently the Fellowship of the Concerned, an informal association of churchwomen serviced by the Southern Regional Council.

Today more than ever before, the leavening influence of courageous, deeply motivated churchwomen is needed within the religious life of the South. Our region is faced with a tremendous challenge -- to redefine the status of its Negro citizens as required by the Supreme Court's segregation decisions. Unfortunately, in the deep South particularly, outmoded but powerful political systems, deep-seated prejudices, and traditional economic patterns have combined to prevent the emergence of moderate leadership on this question. Even within the churches, these negative forces, reinforced by strong pressures, have stunted the positive local leadership that normally is to be expected on a moral issue of this kind. A relatively small group of courageous ministers and laymen and a larger group of dedicated churchwomen represent the hope of the churches in meeting this crisis of conscience. These women, because of their devotion to this work and their relative freedom from the practical pressures which affect the men in our society, play a vital part in interpreting the moral questions to their congregations and to the community at large.

Through Mrs. Tilly's work, the Southern Regional Council has sought to strengthen and assist the churchwomen's leadership. Two Southwide meetings of selected leaders, representing the three faiths and the various denominations, have been brought together for inspiration and planning. These regional meetings have been followed by state meetings to carry the determination and planning achieved to the working level. What is needed now is follow-up, community by community, by a skilled and accepted person in each of the states. As indefatigable as Mrs. Tilly has shown herself to be, such a task obviously far exceeds the time and physical resources of any one person.

Hence the present proposal to make possible the part-time program services of a well qualified churchwoman in Alabama, South Carolina, Florida, Mississippi, and Louisiana. In each of these states there is one or more persons eminently suitable to carry on this function. In South Carolina, for example, Mrs. Tilly can secure the services of a former president of the United Church Women of the state and former president of the state Parent-Teachers Association. Such a person would bring influence and dignity as well as guidance to those local church groups which request her help. The women who would carry on the work in the other four states are of comparable stature and ability.

The proposed budget for this program well illustrates the amount of devotion which would be put into the work. The $5,000 requested would be applied at $1,000 per state for a period of one year. Of this amount, $50 per month would represent compensation for the consultant, and the remaining $400 per year would be applied to travel expenses. Neither of these budgetary designations should be considered in its ordinary usage. The remuneration of $50 per month would actually represent the cost of twice-a-week maid service for each of the women who would be away from home a great deal. The $400 travel allowance would be used for the most modest and immediate travel needs, such as bus and train fare, seldom representing overnight lodging, meals, and the other more costly expenses. No allocation is requested for Georgia, since Mrs. Tilly and several voluntary helpers are now carrying out these functions in that state, financed by the Southern Regional Council.

We earnestly believe that there are few opportunities to secure so much devoted and productive effort at so modest a cost. When one considers the critical problems facing the South and the large role in their solutions that religious forces must ultimately play, it is hard to conceive of a better investment of $5,000.

We greatly hope that the Doris Duke Foundation will enable the Southern Regional Council to render this service.

Southern R Inc.
ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVE, N ATLANTA 3, GIA
son 2-8764

HAROLD C. FLEMING
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

April 15, 1957

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

DRAFT

A PROPOSAL TO THE FUND FOR THE REPUBLIC

September 30, 1957 will mark the end of the Fund for the Republic's assistance to the Southern Regional Council for a three and one-half year program of development of state organizations. This is a request for a further period of support of the work of the Council by the Fund.

Summary of the Proposal

The generous assistance of the Fund for the Republic has made it possible for the Southern Regional Council to create professionally staffed human relations councils in ten of the Southern states and to foster heightened interracial activity in two additional states. This aid, supplemented by funds from other sources, has enabled the Council to make a major contribution to Southern race relations during the momentous period that has followed the Supreme Court's decisions on school segregation.

It should be noted, however, that this program was developed and the first grant in the series made before the Supreme Court's school decision was rendered. The assumption then was that, once the legal principle was clearly defined, the problems of implementation would become community problems, to be solved by detailed local action. Hence the program placed major emphasis and the greatest part of the funds on the decentralizing effort to build state organizations with little allowance made for the support of a strong, continuing central operation.

Instead of further breaking up of the "solid South," however, the last two years have witnessed a revival of regional solidarity under the leadership of the rural "black belt" counties. The unexpected severity of Southern reaction to the school decisions has created new and acute problems which cannot be met by activity at the state and local levels alone. In recent months, the Council has made a thorough appraisal of these problems and has sought to reexamine earnestly and objectively how it can make the most effective contribution in the period immediately ahead.

We have concluded that, to meet this challenge, the Council must expand and intensify its functions as an information center, a regional clearing house for organizational efforts in this field, a resource for enlightened public officials and private leadership throughout the region, and in general as a spokesman and rallying ground for the forward-looking elements within the South. Some measure of continuing aid to the state human relations councils is also essential. Obviously such a program calls for a budget sufficient to maintain a skilled, specialized staff and to meet the operating expenses necessary for the staff to work effectively, plus funds for aid to the state groups.

For these purposes, this proposal projects an annual budget slightly in excess of $200,000, or a total for a thirty-nine month period of $653,585. Of this amount, we ask the Fund for the Republic for $250,000 to be applied on a diminishing basis over the thirty-nine months following September 30, 1957. The Southern Regional Council would undertake to raise the remaining sum of approximately $400,000 from other sources, and the state organizations would be expected to raise the greater part of their budgets as well. We anticipate that approximately twenty-five per cent of the Council's budget for this period would be used for direct aid to the state human relations councils or the equivalent.

We propose that the grant of $250,000 requested should be distributed as follows: $120,000 for the first fifteen months (October 1, 1957 - December 31, 1958); $75,000 for the year 1959; and $55,000 for the year 1960. The detailed basis for these overall figures is appended.

The Grant Period Ending September 30, 1957

Since April 1, 1954, the Fund for the Republic has made grants to the Southern Regional Council for the state organizations and the central operation totaling $500,000. In addition, the Fund has made three special purpose grants to the Council -- one for $5,000 to convene a selected bi-racial group of Southern leadership in anticipation of the Supreme Court's decision, one of $1,000 to publish a pamphlet in cooperation with the Southern Historical Association, and one of $50,000 to carry out a special fact-finding program.

As initially agreed, the greater part of the main grant has been distributed to the Council's state affiliates to assist them in maintaining professional staff and developing their activities. Of the $500,000, approximately $345,000 will have been spent for direct aid to the state groups by the end of this last grant year. The remaining $155,000 has been applied to the central program of the Southern Regional Council on a yearly diminishing basis. We estimate that during the three years ending September 30th the Council will have raised from sources other than the Fund nearly $200,000, and the state affiliates slightly over $100,000, or an aggregate total of approximately $300,000.

Since the Council has rendered frequent and detailed reports to the Fund, we will forego here any comprehensive account of the achievements which the past grants have made possible. Instead, we are submitting as an appendix a recent summary of the Council's various activities, as well as a folder of exhibits. These may be supplemented by the following general observations.

The State Organizations

In view of the special difficulties arising from the development of powerful, officially sanctioned resistance to desegregation in the South, we believe the three year state organization effort represents a creditable achievement. As a result of the Council's efforts assisted by the Fund, there are today ten human relations councils professionally staffed, actively at work in the South. These state bodies represent an impressive amount of courage, devotion, and skill displayed by white and Negro Southerners in the face of tremendous odds. They have, almost uniquely, provided an organized Southern expression of the forces for democratic change affecting race relations in the United States.

The programs of the state organizations have reflected the wide diversity of conditions to be found in the South. The Kentucky Council, for example, has worked closely with state and local officials through consultative services to desegregating school systems, through preparation of materials which have been distributed by the State Department of Education, and through educational programs aimed at promoting the full inclusion of Negro teachers in the desegregation process. In Mississippi, on the other hand, the state council has had to work in a climate of the harshest sort of pro-segregation orthodoxy officially enforced; it has been able to do little except provide one of the few remaining channels for communication between the races and demonstrate in some measure the irrepressible quality of the belief in human freedom and dignity.

Between these two extremes lies a varied range of constructive activities. The Alabama Council, which has the participation of an unusually large number of church people, has performed effectively against great odds; it worked devotedly to prevent violence and help bring about peaceful acceptance of bus integration in Montgomery. The Arkansas Council, with an extremely able bi-racial staff, has given invaluable leadership in that state; its quiet efforts were largely responsible for the Hoxie school board's success in maintaining desegregation in the face of organized resistance. The Virginia Council has mobilized positive sentiment among ministers of that state and has built active local councils in such key communities as Charlottesville and Richmond.

These few highlights will suggest the quality of participation and activity that the state councils have achieved. Given a workable climate of opinion and influence, they can contribute greatly in the years ahead to the orderly implementation of integration within their respective states. However, their effectiveness -- perhaps their survival -- is imperiled by national and regional developments on which they can have little influence. If the investment in the state councils is to be protected, more resources and skills must be applied by the Council to this broader arena of opinion and action.

Southern Resistance to Desegregation

Since May, 1954, and particularly within the past year, something approaching a national crisis has been precipitated by political and private reaction to the Supreme Court's school decision. We will not attempt a lengthy analysis of these developments, which are well known to the Fund for the Republic, but we list a few examples.

What began as attitudes of defiance in four deep South states has become a "united front" by eight states. This defiance is manifested not only in official actions and utterances directed at the Supreme Court and its decision, but has also taken the turn of punitive measures directed at individuals and groups within the states who favor a positive or even a more moderate course of action.

Accompanying this official posture have been the phenomenal growth of the White Citizens Councils and other resistance movements, serious reversals in the churches and the labor movement, the deterioration of political campaigns, and in general conformity or silence by most of the more responsible elements in the South. The example set by state office-holders and others in high places has stirred excitable rank-and-file Southerners to violence in several instances -- even in areas in Tennessee, Texas, Kentucky, and West Virginia where integration should have been expected to proceed without a ripple.

Any adequate appraisal of these negative factors must take into account the great concentration of power available to the extreme pro-segregation forces in the deep South. This includes virtually all of the state and local controlling institutions -- governors and attorneys general, legislatures and state created commissions, many grand juries, most of the state and local law enforcement agencies, most Southern congressmen and senators, and, under vigilante pressure, many influential private institutions such as newspapers, business organizations, civic clubs, and the like.

All of this has presented grave problems in national and international terms. The impact of the "Southern revolt" on the prestige of the United States abroad, particularly among Asians and

Africans, is of great concern to every thoughtful American. Domestically, the assaults on the authority of the Supreme Court, on respect for law and order, and on recognition of the rights of minority-group citizens are major threats to the national welfare. Pro-segregation laws and administrative actions in the South have seriously eroded such basic civil liberties as freedom of speech, association, and the right to due process of law.

It has been observed by the New York Times and others that what is needed is a mobilization of all the constructive forces the country can muster to deal with the problem of segregation wisely and effectively. Unfortunately, no such mobilization has taken place. Rather, the Citizens Councils and several Southern state governments are making an extensive and expensive effort to sway national opinion. In short, the climate of opinion has worsened. And instead of merely local problems arising out of local opposition to integration, we are confronted with a renewal of pro-segregation activity that is regional in its leadership and national in its impact. A measure of this fact was the nearly unanimous adoption of the "Southern Manifesto" by Southern members of Congress.

The Role of the Southern Regional Council

This situation imposes a tremendous responsibility on the Southern Regional Council. As the one South-wide body with experience, professional skills, and reputation in the field of race relations, it must perform on a broader and more effective scale than ever before, recognizing that it is dealing with causes and effects which are truly nation-wide in their scope. This we propose to do.

The Council's task, as we see it, includes but goes far beyond the stimulation of local action to deal with matters of desegregation and democratic racial relations at the community level. It is essential that the Council play a broader role in creating a national and Southern climate of opinion in which positive local efforts can succeed. This means assuming greater leadership in educating and rallying those national and regional forces whose action or inaction at this time is crucial.

Within recent months the Council has revised its staff structure and program orientation so that it may better work toward these objectives. (An organizational chart, adopted in January, and a descriptive list of staff members are included in the appendices.) The major points in this new orientation may be briefly summarized as follows:

1. The Council suffered a loss in the recent retirement of Dr. George S. Mitchell as Executive Director after ten years of able and devoted leadership in this position. On the positive side, however, his leaving presented a challenge that has evoked new dedication and commitment from staff members and lay leadership alike. His successor, Harold C. Fleming, brings to the position the advantage of ten years' experience as a senior staff member identified mainly with the Council's central program activities.

2. The Council has already, of necessity, assumed a greatly increased responsibility for coordination and clearing-house work in cooperation with other agencies. This has been in response to the expressed wishes and requests of a large number of organizations, including the social action departments of the major religious denominations active in the South, the several Jewish agencies concerned with human relations, the trade unions, and such groups as the American Friends Service Committee, the NAACP, the YMCA, and the YWCA. The Council has twice served as convener of twenty-five of these agencies

for the sharing of ideas and joint program planning. At their request, the Council has also coordinated their concerted field efforts and will soon convene them again for a third planning session.

3. The Council has played a central part in the newly formed national Consultative Conference on Desegregation. Through this association and other channels, we have greatly increased communication and cooperation between enlightened Southerners and national forces concerned with desegregation.

4. The Council is called upon by various departments of the Federal Government for interpreation of Southern problems and for specially assembled information, largely made possible through the fact-finding grant from the Fund for the Republic. For example, the Department of Justice requested and was given the complete raw findings of the Council's special survey on the status of Negro suffrage in the South.

5. One of the main assets of the Council has always been its reputation with the press, Southern and national, as a dependable and authoritative source of information about all aspects of race relations in the South. The Council and its parent organization have served as a repository of such information since 1919. Many Southern editors and newspapers whose policies on racial matters are directly opposed to those of the Council are accustomed to relying without question on the Council's information services. This function too has greatly increased and continues to grow with each passing day. It is no exaggeration to say that the Council now serves in this way virtually all of the major national publications and a great many Southern ones. To the newspapers must be added a growing list of television programs.

6. The Consultant Service Program, established as a service to the Council's state affiliates, is greatly broadening its scope and

usefulness. Within the limit of resources, we are undertaking to make special consultants available to public or private leadership in Southern communities with outstanding problems or opportunities. Within the last few weeks, for example, upon official invitation, the Council has made available the consultative services of a Kentucky county school superintendent, who successfully carried out desegregation, to a local school board in North Carolina beginning quietly to plan for such a change.

7. Under the Apprentice Training Program initiated by the Fund for the Republic, the Council has received a grant of $5,000 from the New World Foundation to engage an apprentice staff member in the area of field services. It is our hope and expectation that this position will be permanently filled, thus increasing the amount of skilled field work that we will be able to perform from the regional office. The current demand for such services, from the Council's state and local affiliates and from a host of other community groups, far exceeds the availability of staff.

8. Under a special arrangement, the Council has recently acquired the services of a well-qualified staff member bearing the title of Labor Consultant. This staff member's function is to serve as a resource and a liaison person with the unions in the South, which hold great promise as an important influence for progress in race relations. Although this position was initially established on a temporary basis, it has already yielded such fruitful results that we are determined, if at all possible, to continue it as part of the regular staff structure.

9. All of the important activities that the Council has regularly carried on are being expanded and intensified to the limit of resources as the demands on the Council mount. In this category are the work with church women and other women's groups, the maintenance of

comprehensive reference files to service a stream of information requests, defense of the rights of such beleaguered dissenters as those at Koinonia Farm, the distribution of program materials, and the briefing of foreign visitors travelling in the South under the auspices of the State Department and other public and private sponsors.

In undertaking the reorientation illustrated above, the Council is strengthened by a large backlog of experience within its staff and lay leadership. What is involved is not so much the learning of new functions as the expansion and refinement of activities that heretofore have had to be carried on sporadically or too limitedly.

We do not wish to imply that the Council feels that it has achieved any fixed or final formula for its efforts in the South during the next three years. As recent experience has made all too clear, the situation is dynamic and volatile in the extreme. Any realistic approach in this area must be firmly grounded in recognition of the need for constant reassessment and flexibility. We do feel that we have achieved an orientation, a structure, and a range of staff skills sufficiently elastic and versatile to render a major service in the three year period of operation now being planned.

Financial Analysis

We are proposing a thirty-nine month grant period for two reasons. First, in our opinion the next three years will be crucial in determining the future pattern of race relations in the South. Despite the tension and difficulties of the last few years, the situation has not yet crystallized; it will do so as further court decisions and the possible spread of violence bring the issues to a head. Thus what is done or not done during the next three years will probably set the framework in which the longer-range working out of desegregation will take place. If this is true, it clearly follows that this is the period in which to make the most effective contribution of which this organization is capable.

Second, we earnestly believe that sound program planning and able staffing demand a stable financial base for a substantial period ahead. The Council is fortunate in having a remarkably devoted and well-qualified staff, but we cannot expect to hold such people or to make maximum use of their skills if the financial fate of the organization is to hang in the balance month by month or even year by year.

It will be noted from the figures below that, while the grant requested is substantial, it is approximately forty per cent of the total budget projected for the period; if the amounts to be raised by the state organizations were taken into account, the percentage would be significantly smaller. This means that the Council is undertaking to raise more funds from other sources than ever before. We feel that the fund-raising objectives set are reasonable, since they continue the trend of increasing support to the Council during the last few years. By the end of the current fiscal year, for example, we anticipate that the Council will have raised from sources other than the Fund for the Republic approximately $87,000. This compares with $60,000 in the preceding fiscal year, and $52,000 in the year before that. The state organizations have increased their performance from an aggregate total of roughly $22,000 in the first year to a projected $45,000 in the current fiscal year.

Following is a summary of the budgetary considerations which underlie the grant requested of the Fund for the Republic. The first budget period was made fifteen months in order to round out the period from October 1, 1957 to December 31, 1957, thus putting the operation on a calendar year basis. (A detailed breakdown of the annual budgets is furnished as Appendix A.)

Summary of Projected Budgets and Grant Request

15-month Budget (Oct. 1, 1957 - Dec. 31, 1958)	$247,665	
To be raised from other sources	127,665	
BALANCE REQUESTED FROM THE FUND FOR THE REPUBLIC		$120,000
1959 Budget	$201,960	
To be raised from other sources	126,960	
BALANCE REQUESTED FROM THE FUND FOR THE REPUBLIC		$ 75,000
1960 Budget	$203,960	
To be raised from other sources	148,960	
BALANCE REQUESTED FROM THE FUND FOR THE REPUBLIC		$ 55,000
TOTAL REQUESTED FROM THE FUND FOR THE REPUBLIC		$250,000
TOTAL TO BE RAISED FROM OTHER SOURCES		$403,585
TOTAL BUDGET, Oct. 1, 1957 - Dec. 31, 1960		653,585

APPENDICES
- A - Breakdown of Annual Budgets, Oct. 1, 1957 - Dec. 31, 1960
- B - Organization Chart
- C - Descriptive List of Central Staff
- D - "The South of Promise," a summary of program activities

EXHIBIT FOLDER

April 16, 1957

Mr. Oscar Cohen
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
515 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Oscar:

Mrs. Tilly came back from the Women's Conference with a glowing account of the occasion. You should be feeling very good about it.

Thanks for the word about Mr. May. I will be as helpful as I can.

Perhaps your grant for the Field Reports will be considered by the Fund's Board at the same meeting when our request will be up, on May 15th. Let us hope that a kind providence will be watching over us.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

April 16, 1957

Mr. André Fontaine
Editorial Department
Redbook Magazine
230 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Fontaine:

Thanks for your letter. Knowing a bit about the workings of magazines, I am neither surprised nor dismayed about the fate of the Greenville idea.

I haven't been able to learn anything more about our oil worker, but I will revive the whole question here in the staff and see if we can't turn up one or more prospects for you.

I don't know whether or not you got the message that I called a few weeks ago. I was in New York for a day or two and hoped at least to touch base with you.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

April 16, 1957

Mr. Charles G. Dobbins
Staff Associate
American Council on Education
1785 Massachusetts Avenue
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Charlie:

Running into you at the Washington meeting was a very pleasant surprise for me after all these years. I have always admired the way you kept at the good work in Montgomery, and I am glad to know you are in a position to continue promoting the good things of life.

Your comment on the rhubarb with the Advertiser did our hearts good. We also think New South was right in the first place. But maybe we at least did a good turn by smoking Mr. Hall out.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

April 16, 1957

Mr. Paul Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Paul:

Awfully sorry that you can't be with us at the Executive Committee meeting, but I understand all too well your problem of extended travel.

The most important business of the meeting will be the proposed request to the Fund for the Republic. You should have received a copy by now. I hope you will find time to read it and to drop me a note giving your reactions.

I know your heavy travel schedule has made it tough for you to do anything further toward lining up the right clergyman for our Board and Executive Committee. Do keep trying, since that representation is extremely important to the Council.

Our request to the AFL-CIO for a contribution of $5,000 will come up before the Executive Council meeting on May 20th. Paul Christopher is doing what he can. Any help you can give to this request or, discreetly, to the Fund for the Republic request, will be of great help. The Fund's Board will consider us on May 15th.

We will let you know well ahead about the next Executive Committee meeting, and I hope very much that I will be seeing you again then.

Warmest regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

April 16, 1957

Mr. Chester A. Just
Chairman
Academic Weekend
Rutgers University
Lloyd Avenue & Easy Street
Nixon, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Just:

Thank you for your recent letter. I am looking forward to receiving from you the details of the program.

Enclosed is a brief biographical sketch. I am temporarily out of glossies, but I am having some more made and will send you one as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encl. - Biographical Sketch

April 16, 1957

Mr. F. D. Patterson
Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Patterson:

We thought you would be interested in this good editorial on Mrs. Tilly's work. We thought it was a well-deserved tribute to efforts that are necessarily carried on so quietly that they receive little recognition. All of us here greatly appreciate your interest and your assistance to Mrs. Tilly in finding support for the program.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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BC: Harold C. Fleming

April 16, 1957

Mr. Galen Martin
Box 887
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Galen:

We have your letter addressed to Harold and me of April 15 asking about the state legal requirements of registration for organizations like the Tennessee Council.

At the time we requested this information, the Tennessee group had become inactive. We did not receive any reply from them regarding our letter of inquiry about such regulations. You might write Mrs. Molly Todd, 1489 Clairmont Place, Nashville, Tennessee, and ask her if the group actually did anything about this. I shall proceed to do the same.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

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April 16, 1957

Rev. Robert E. Hughes
Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations, Inc.
Room 1218 Comer Building
Birmingham 3, Alabama

Dear Bob:

Thank you for your letter of April 12. Sorry I didn't get to answer it sooner but I have been out of town. I was sorry to see that the Board of Directors of the Alabama Council feels that you should spend considerable time raising funds. We think this unwise.

Don't make any drastic decisions about taking off into the Mission Fields. There are still souls and bodies to be saved here in the South and if they are not saved, no person in Africa is going to seriously accept the teaching of a white, Southern Protestant. Secondly, there is a good chance as we now see it that SRC will be able to help state organizations for another two or three year period, though not so extensively as in the past. The Fund for the Republic staff has taken a new interest in state organizations. At our state staff meeting May 21-22 we will know fully how far that interest goes.

I received a card from Jim Pierce. Am glad he will be at the conference. I regret that I am tied up every week end between now and May 3rd and 4th, when I'll see you in Alabama.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

April 16, 1957

Mr. Howard Kester
Conference on
Christian Faith and Human Relations
1716 West End Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Buck:

Thanks for the note of April 10. Sorry I couldn't answer sooner, but I was out of the city. We will send material to the Rev. James Glasse.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

April 16, 1957

Dr. Paul Pfeutze
Head, Department of Philosophy
University of Georgia
Athens, Georgia

Dear Paul:

Thanks a lot for your letter in answer to mine about George Iggers. Your letter is even more discouraging than was mine to George. I agree that self-censorship, like self-segregation, is hardly conducive to the development of the human personality or the growth of academic freedom.

Thanks for your good wishes; my best to you and Rubin Gotesky.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

April 16, 1957

Mr. Seymour Samet
Southeast Area Office
American Jewish Committee
Metropolitan Building
Miami, Florida

Dear Seymour:

Many thanks for the clipping from the April 7th Sunday *Herald*, "Racial Bars Cost Miami Millions in Caribbean Trade." Would it be possible for you to send us an original or make five or six copies for us? We could get a good deal of mileage out of this clipping.

I was terribly disturbed upon hearing what had happened to Ed. Is there anything I can do to help? It sounds like a frame-up to me.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

April 16, 1957

Mr. Galen A. Martin
Box 887
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Galen:

We have your new address and will keep in close touch with you. I was with Hy Lewis in New Orleans and he spoke very highly of you and his expectations for great things in Knoxville.

Best personal regards to you and the family.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

April 16, 1957

Mr. William K. Williams
Florida Council on Human Relations
213 N. E. Second Avenue
Miami, Florida

Dear Bill:

I am deeply disturbed about the attack on Ed. I will write him separately. If there is anything I can do to help, let me know. Also, keep me posted.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

April 16, 1957

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Box 887
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Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

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April 16, 1957

Mrs. Molly Todd
1489 Clairmont Place
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Molly:

Almost a year ago now, on May 23, 1956, George Mitchell wrote asking state organizations to check on state regulations requiring registration of organizations such as the Tennessee Council. There is an empty space in our files labeled Tennessee. Would you please have some local attorney interested in the field of human relations check this for you on a non-fee basis.

And for heaven's sake, lets get the Tennessee Council off the ground.

Warm personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

April 16, 1957

Mr. Melvin L. Bergheim
Governmental Affairs Institute
1726 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Bergheim:

I am greatly complimented that Mr. Roloff was interested in my remarks enough to want a copy of them. Unfortunately I was not speaking from a text. However, I am to make a similar presentation soon and hope this time to reduce it to writing. If my good intentions are fulfilled, I will be glad to send you a copy for Mr. Roloff.

With best regards to you and your associates,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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April 16, 1957

Miss Georgene B. Lovecky
John Hay Whitney Foundation
630 Fifth Avenue
New York 20, New York

Dear Miss Lovecky:

I thought you would be interested in this well-deserved tribute to Mrs. Tilly's work with the church women of the South. All of us here share Mrs. Tilly's appreciation for your continuing interest and for the generous assistance to the program by the John Hay Whitney Foundation.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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Encl. - thermo-fax clip from: Interracial Review
"The Silent Force"

Blind Copy: Father L. J. Twomey, S.J.

April 17, 1957

Mr. Frank Loescher
Fund for the Republic
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Frank:

I have recently been out to New Orleans on Council business and while there talked with my old friend Father L. J. Twomey, S.J. He informed me that on a recent trip to New York he had talked with Dave about the possibilities of a grant from the Fund to the Institute of Industrial Relations of Loyola University of the South and that Dave had said this was somewhat outside the scope of the Fund.

Actually, a great deal of the Institute is concerned with the problems of race relations as they affect the Southern labor movement and as they affect the development of healthy personalities in Southern communities.

If this is not within the scope of Fund interest, could you please suggest other sources of possible assistance to the Industrial Institute? While I was in New Orleans I talked with a Negro organizer of the United Packinghouse Workers and he told me that Father Twomey had done more for good race relations than almost anyone he knew. We here have had long friendship with Father Twomey and believe he is doing a really significant job. Any suggestions you can give or any help you can offer in finding financial assistance for this project will be greatly appreciated. The amount is small, the objective great. $15,000 a year for a three year period - with the hope of educating and activating the vast power and resources of organized labor in the South.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

BLIND COPY: Father L. J. Twomey

April 17, 1957

Mr. Ben Segal
Trade Union Consultant
The Fund for the Republic
1820 Jefferson Street
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ben:

Recently I was out in New Orleans on Council business and spent some time with my good friend Father Twomey. He directs, as you know, Loyola University's Institute of Industrial Relations. He does a great deal through this Institute to help leaders of the Southern union movement understand the relationship between improved racial relations and increased opportunities for organized labor.

The University has for some ten years supported this Institute at a financial loss because they believe in the importance of the work. They will continue to do so, but they are unable to increase the budget.

The Institute desperately needs $15,000 a year for a three year period to expand its activities and increase the work with union leaders in an integrated situation. Anything that you can do to help find these funds would be greatly appreciated by us. I talked with a young Negro organizer in New Orleans who was a graduate of the Institute and he said Father Twomey had done more to improve race relations than almost any man he knew. If you need further information about the Institute, write directly to Father L. J. Twomey, Institute of Industrial Relations, Loyola University in the South, New Orleans 18, Louisiana.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

April 17, 1957

Father L. J. Twomey, S.J.
Institute of Industrial Relations
Loyola University in the South
New Orleans 18, La.

Dear Father Twomey:

It was great to see you while I was in New Orleans. These are copies of the letters I promised to write. Hope they bring you success.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

Enclosure

April 18, 1957

A PROPOSAL TO THE FUND FOR THE REPUBLIC

September 30, 1957 will mark the end of the Fund for the Republic's assistance to the Southern Regional Council for a three and one-half year program of development of state organizations. This is a request for a further period of support of the work of the Council by the Fund.

Summary of the Proposal

The generous assistance of the Fund for the Republic has made it possible for the Southern Regional Council to create professionally staffed human relations councils in ten of the Southern states and to foster heightened interracial activity in two additional states. This aid, supplemented by funds from other sources, has enabled the Council to make a major contribution to Southern race relations during the momentous period that has followed the Supreme Court's decisions on school segregation.

It should be noted, however, that this program was developed and the first grant in the series made before the Supreme Court's school decision was rendered. The assumption then was that, once the legal principle was clearly defined, the problems of implementation would become community problems, to be solved by detailed local action. Hence the program placed major emphasis and the greatest part of the funds on the decentralizing effort to build state organizations, with little allowance made for the support of a strong, continuing central operation.

Instead of further breaking up of the "solid South," however, the last two years have witnessed a revival of regional solidarity under the leadership of the rural "black belt" counties. The unexpected severity of Southern reaction to the school decisions has created new and acute problems which cannot be met by activity at the state and local levels alone. In recent months, the Council has made a thorough appraisal of these problems and has sought to reexamine earnestly and objectively how it can make the most effective contribution in the period immediately ahead.

We have concluded that, to meet this challenge, the Council must expand and intensify its functions as an information center, a regional clearing house for organizational efforts in this field, a resource for enlightened public officials and private leadership throughout the region, and in general as a spokesman and rallying ground for the forward-looking elements within the South. Some measure of continuing aid to the state human relations councils is also essential. Obviously such a program calls for a budget sufficient to maintain a skilled, specialized staff, to meet the operating expenses necessary for such a staff to work effectively, and to provide funds for aid to the state groups.

For these purposes, this proposal projects an annual budget slightly in excess of $200,000, or a total for a thirty-nine month period of $653,585. Of this amount, we ask the Fund for the Republic for $250,000 to be applied on a diminishing basis over the thirty-nine months following September 30, 1957.

The Southern Regional Council would undertake to raise the remaining sum of approximately $400,000 from other sources, and in addition the state organizations would be expected to raise the greater part of their budgets. We anticipate that approximately twenty-five per cent of the Council's budget for this period would be used for direct aid to the state human relations councils or the equivalent.

We propose that the grant of $250,000 requested should be distributed as follows: $120,000 for the first fifteen months (October 1, 1957 - December 31, 1958); $75,000 for the year 1959; and $55,000 for the year 1960. The detailed basis for these overall figures is appended.

The Grant Period Ending September 30, 1957

Since April 1, 1954, the Fund for the Republic has made grants to the Southern Regional Council for the state organizations and the central operation totaling $500,000. In addition, the Fund has made three special purpose grants to the Council -- one for $5,000 to convene a selected biracial group of Southern leadership in anticipation of the Supreme Court's decision, one of $1,000 to publish a pamphlet in cooperation with the Southern Historical Association, and one of $50,000 to carry out a special fact-finding program.

As initially agreed, the greater part of the main grant has been distributed to the Council's state affiliates to assist them in maintaining professional staff and developing their activities. Of the $500,000, approximately $345,000 will have been spent for direct aid to the state groups by the end of this last grant year. The remaining $155,000 has been applied to the central program of the Southern Regional Council on a yearly diminishing basis. We estimate that during the three years ending September 30th the Council will have raised from sources other than the Fund nearly $200,000, and the state affiliates slightly over $100,000, or an aggregate total of approximately $300,000.

Since the Council has rendered frequent and detailed reports to the Fund, we will forego here any comprehensive account of the achievements which the past grants have made possible. Instead, we are submitting as an appendix a recent summary of the Council's various activities. This may be supplemented by the following general observations.

The State Organizations

In view of the special difficulties arising from the development of powerful, officially sanctioned resistance to desegregation in the South, we believe the three year state organization effort represents a creditable achievement. As a result of the Council's efforts assisted by the Fund, there are today ten human relations councils professionally staffed, actively at work in the South. These state bodies represent an impressive amount of courage, devotion, and skill displayed by white and Negro Southerners in the face of tremendous odds. They have, almost uniquely, provided an organized Southern expression of the forces for democratic change affecting race relations in the United States.

The programs of the state organizations have reflected the wide diversity of conditions to be found in the South. The Kentucky Council, for example, has worked closely with state and local officials through consultative services to desegregating school systems, through preparation of materials which have been distributed by the State Department of Education, and through educational programs aimed at promoting the full inclusion of Negro teachers in the desegregation process. In Mississippi, on the other hand, the state council has had to work in the harshest kind of pro-segregation climate, official and private. It has been able to do little except provide one of the few remaining channels for communication between the races and demonstrate in some measure the irrepressible quality of the belief in human freedom and dignity.

Between these two extremes lies a varied range of constructive activities. The Alabama Council, which has the participation of an unusually large number of church people, has performed effectively against great odds; it worked devotedly to prevent violence and help bring about peaceful acceptance of bus integration in Montgomery. The Arkansas Council, with an extremely able bi-racial staff, has given invaluable leadership in that state; its quiet efforts were largely responsible for the Hoxie school board's success in maintaining desegregation in the face of organized resistance. The Virginia Council has mobilized positive sentiment among ministers of that state and has built active local councils in such key communities as Charlottesville and Richmond.

These few highlights will suggest the quality of participation and activity that the state councils have achieved. Given a workable climate of opinion and influence, they can contribute greatly in the years ahead to the orderly implementation of integration within their respective states. However, their effectiveness -- perhaps their survival -- is imperiled by national and regional developments on which they can have little influence. If the investment in the state councils is to be protected, more resources and skills must be applied by the Council in this broader arena of opinion and action.

Southern Resistance to Desegregation

Since May, 1954, and particularly within the past year, something approaching a national crisis has been precipitated by political and private reaction to the Supreme Court's school decision. We will not attempt a lengthy analysis of these developments, which are well known to the Fund for the Republic, but we list a few examples.

What began as attitudes of defiance in four deep South states has become a "united front" by eight states. This defiance is manifested not only in official actions and utterances directed at the Supreme Court and its decisions, but has also taken the turn of punitive measures directed at individuals and groups within the states who favor a positive or even a more moderate course of action.

Accompanying this official posture have been the phenomenal growth of the White Citizens Councils and other resistance movements, serious reversals in the churches and the labor movement, the deterioration of political campaigns, and in general conformity or silence by most of the influential elements in the South. The example set by state office-holders and others in high places has stirred excitable rank-and-file Southerners to violence in several instances -- even in areas in Tennessee, Texas, Kentucky, and West Virginia where integration should have been expected to proceed without a ripple.

Any adequate appraisal of these negative factors must take into account the great concentration of power available to the extreme pro-segregation forces in the deep South. This includes virtually all of the state and local controlling institutions -- governors and attorneys general, legislatures and state created commissions, many grand juries, most of the state and local law enforcement agencies, most Southern congressmen and senators, and, under vigilante pressure, many influential private institutions such as newspapers, business organizations, civic clubs, and the like.

All of this has presented grave problems in national and international terms. The impact of the "Southern revolt" on the prestige of the United States abroad, particularly among Asians and Africans, is of great concern to every thoughtful American. Domestically, the assaults on the authority of the Supreme Court, on respect for law and order, and on recognition of the rights of minority-group citizens are major threats to the national welfare. Pro-segregation laws and administrative actions in the South have seriously eroded such basic civil liberties as freedom of speech, association, and the right to due process of law.

It has been observed by the _New York Times_ and others that what is needed is a mobilization of all the constructive forces the country can muster to deal with the problem of segregation wisely and effectively. Unfortunately, no such mobilization has taken place. Rather, the Citizens Councils and several Southern state governments are making an extensive and expensive effort to sway national opinion. In short, the climate of opinion has worsened. And instead of merely _local_ problems arising out of _local_ opposition to integration, we are confronted with a renewal of pro-segregation activity that is regional in its leadership and national in its impact. A measure of this fact was the nearly unanimous adoption of the "Southern Manifesto" by Southern members of Congress.

The Role of the Southern Regional Council

This situation imposes a tremendous responsibility on the Southern Regional Council. As the one South-wide body with experience, professional skills, and reputation in the field of race relations, it must perform on a broader and more effective scale than ever before, recognizing that it is dealing with causes and effects which are truly nation-wide in their scope. This we propose to do.

The Council's task, as we see it, includes but goes far beyond the stimulation of local action to deal with matters of desegregation and democratic racial relations at the community level. It is essential that the Council play a broader role in creating a national and Southern climate of opinion in which positive local efforts can succeed. This means assuming greater leadership in educating and rallying those national and regional forces whose action or inaction at this time is crucial.

Within recent months the Council has revised its staff structure and program orientation so that it may better work toward these objectives. (An organizational chart, adopted in January, and a descriptive list of staff members are included in the appendices.) The major points in this new orientation may be briefly summarized as follows:

1. The Council suffered a loss in the recent retirement of Dr. George S. Mitchell as Executive Director after ten years of able and devoted leadership in this position. On the positive side, however, his leaving presented a challenge that has evoked new dedication and commitment from staff members and lay leadership alike. His successor, Harold C. Fleming, brings to the position the advantage of ten years' experience as a senior staff member

identified mainly with the Council's central program activities.

2. The Council has already, of necessity, assumed a greatly increased responsibility for coordination and clearing-house work in cooperation with other agencies. This has been in response to the expressed wishes and requests of a large number of organizations, including the social action departments of the major religious denominations active in the South, the several Jewish agencies concerned with human relations, the trade unions, and such groups as the American Friends Service Committee, the NAACP, the YMCA, and the YWCA. The Council has twice served as convener of twenty-five of these agencies for the sharing of ideas and joint program planning. At their request, the Council has also coordinated their concerted field efforts and will soon convene them again for a third planning session.

3. The Council has played a central part in the newly formed national Consultative Conference on Desegregation. Through this association and other channels, we have greatly increased communication and cooperation between enlightened Southerners and national forces concerned with desegregation.

4. The Council is called upon by various departments of the Federal Government for interpretation of Southern problems and for specially assembled information, largely made possible through the fact-finding grant from the Fund for the Republic. For example, the Department of Justice requested and was given the complete raw findings of the Council's special survey on the status of Negro suffrage in the South.

5. One of the main assets of the Council has always been its reputation with the press, Southern and national, as a dependable and authoritative source of information about all aspects of race relations in the

South. The Council and the Commission on Interracial Cooperation before it have served as a repository of such information since 1919. Many Southern editors and newspapers whose policies on racial matters are directly opposed to those of the Council are accustomed to relying without question on the Council's information services. This function too has greatly increased and continues to grow with each passing day. It is no exaggeration to say that the Council now serves in this way virtually all of the major national publications and a great many Southern ones. To the newspapers must be added a growing list of television programs.

6. The Consultant Service Program, established as a service to the Council's state affiliates, is greatly broadening its scope and usefulness. Within the limit of resources, we are undertaking to make special consultants available to public or private leadership in Southern communities with outstanding problems or opportunities. Within the last few weeks, for example, upon official invitation, the Council has made available the consultative services of a Kentucky county school superintendent, who successfully carried out desegregation, to a local school board in North Carolina beginning quietly to plan for such a change.

7. Under the Apprentice Training Program initiated by the Fund for the Republic, the Council has received a grant of $5,000 from the New World Foundation to engage an apprentice staff member in the area of field services. It is our hope and expectation that this position will be permanently filled, thus increasing the amount of skilled field work that we will be able to perform from the regional office. The current demand for such services, from the Council's state and local affiliates and from a host of other community groups, far exceeds the availability of staff.

8. Under a special arrangement, the Council has recently acquired the services of a well-qualified staff member bearing the title of Labor Consultant. This staff member's function is to serve as a resource and a liaison person with the unions in the South, which hold great promise as an influence for progress in race relations. Although this position was initially established on a temporary basis, it has already yielded such fruitful results that we are determined, if at all possible, to continue it as part of the regular staff structure.

9. All of the important activities that the Council has regularly carried on are being expanded and intensified to the limit of resources as the demands on the Council mount. In this category are the work with church women and other women's groups, the maintenance of comprehensive reference files to service a stream of information requests, support of the rights of such beleaguered dissenters as those at Koinonia Farm, our monthly publication New South, the distribution of program materials, and the briefing of foreign visitors travelling in the South under the auspices of the State Department and other sponsors.

In undertaking the reorientation illustrated above, the Council is strengthened by a large backlog of experience within its staff and lay leadership. What is involved is not so much the learning of new functions as the expansion and refinement of activities that heretofore have had to be carried on sporadically or too limitedly.

We do not wish to imply that the Council feels that it has achieved any fixed or final formula for its efforts in the South during the next three years. As recent experience has made all too clear, the situation is dynamic and volatile in the extreme. Any realistic approach in this area must be firmly grounded in recognition of the need for constant reassessment and flexibility. We do feel that we have achieved an orientation, a structure, and a range of staff skills sufficiently elastic and versatile to render a major service in the three year period of operation now being planned.

Financial Analysis

We are proposing a thirty-nine month grant period for two reasons. First, in our opinion the next three years will be crucial in determining the future pattern of race relations in the South. Despite the tension and difficulties of the last few years, the situation has not yet crystallized; it will do so as further court decisions and the possible spread of violence bring the issues to a head. Thus what is done or not done during the next three years will probably set the framework in which the longer-range working out of desegregation will take place. If this is true, it clearly follows that this is the period in which to make the most effective contribution of which this organization is capable.

Second, we earnestly believe that sound program planning and staffing demand a stable financial base for a substantial period ahead. The Council is fortunate in having a remarkably devoted and well-qualified staff, but we cannot expect to hold such people or to make maximum use of their skills if the financial fate of the organization is to hang in the balance month by month or even year by year.

It will be noted from the figures below that, while the grant requested is substantial, it is approximately forty per cent of the total budget projected for the period; if the amounts to be raised by the state organizations were taken into account, the percentage would be significantly smaller. This means that the Council is undertaking to raise more funds from other sources than ever before. We feel that the fund-raising objectives set are reasonable, since they continue the trend of increasing support to the Council during the last few years. By the end of the current fiscal year, for example, we anticipate that the Council will have raised from sources other than the Fund for the Republic approximately $87,000. This compares with $60,000 in the preceding fiscal year, and $52,000 in the year before that. The state organizations have increased their performance from an aggregate total of roughly $22,000 in the first year to a projected $45,000 in the current fiscal year.

Following is a summary of the budgetary considerations which underlie the grant requested of the Fund for the Republic. The first budget period was made fifteen months in order to round out the period from October 1, 1957 to December 31, 1958, thus putting the operation on a calendar year basis. (A detailed breakdown of the annual budgets is furnished as Appendix A.)

Summary of Projected Budgets and Grant Request

15-month Budget (Oct. 1, 1957 - Dec. 31, 1958)	$247,665	
To be raised from other sources	127,665	
BALANCE REQUESTED FROM THE FUND FOR THE REPUBLIC		$120,000
1959 Budget	$201,960	
To be raised from other sources	126,960	
BALANCE REQUESTED FROM THE FUND FOR THE REPUBLIC		$ 75,000
1960 Budget	$203,960	
To be raised from other sources	148,960	
BALANCE REQUESTED FROM THE FUND FOR THE REPUBLIC		$ 55,000
TOTAL REQUESTED FROM THE FUND FOR THE REPUBLIC		$250,000
TOTAL TO BE RAISED FROM OTHER SOURCES		$403,585
TOTAL BUDGET, Oct. 1, 1957 - Dec. 31, 1960		$653,585

APPENDICES:
- A - Breakdown of Annual Budgets, Oct. 1, 1957 - Dec. 31, 1960
- B - Organization Chart
- C - Descriptive List of Central Staff
- D - "The South of Promise," a summary of program activities

April 18, 1957

Mr. and Mrs. William Greenleaf
3238 College
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Sue and Bill:

This is not a bread and butter note, but a vote of thanks for the wonderful time you showed me while I was in Jacksonville. I particularly enjoyed the beer and gabfest in the evening at your house.

I thought the meeting most worthwhile and hope it gave the N.E. Florida Council the needed shot in the arm.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

April 18, 1957

Mrs. Robert L. Wilcox,
Woman's Society of Christian Service,
The Methodist Church
5317 Green Valley Road,
Box 6082
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Wilcox:

Mrs. Tilly is out of the city and will not return to the Office before Monday, April 22nd, thus the delay in replying to your letter of April 11th. However, I have been in touch with her by telephone this morning and she has asked me to write to you and ask that by all means, please continue with your plans for sending a delegate to the Institute on Human Relations to be held in Nashville, Tennessee, April 22-24. She is looking forward to seeing a representative from Holston Conference there.

Again, accept our apologies for the delay in answering your letter.

Sincerely yours,

Carmenccita P. Jones,
Secretary to:
Mrs. M. E. Tilly

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Copy to:

Mrs. Robert H. Duncan

April 18, 1957

Mr. Earl Geiger
Division of Vital Statistics
State Board of Health
Charleston 5, West Virginia

Dear Mr. Geiger:

Please send us your latest report estimating the population in each county of the state. If a breakdown by sex, race, and age is available for each county, please include this breakdown.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving,
Research Assistant

FBI:fc

April 18, 1957

Dr. Lorin A. Thompson
Bureau of Population & Economic Research
University of Virginia
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear Dr. Thompson:

Please send us your latest report estimating the population in each county of the state. If a breakdown by sex, race, and age is available for each county, please include this breakdown.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving,
Research Assistant

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April 18, 1957

Bureau of Vital Statistics
State Department of Health
Austin 1, Texas

Gentlemen:

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Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving,
Research Assistant

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April 18, 1957

Miss Ann Dillon
State Dept. of Public Health
420 6th Avenue, North
Nashville 3, Tennessee

Dear Miss Dillon:

Please send us your latest report estimating the population in each county of the state. If a breakdown by sex, race, and age is available for each county, please include this breakdown.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving,
Research Assistant

FBI:fc

April 18, 1957

Mr. Charles Council
Public Health Statistics
State Board of Health
Box 2091
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Council:

Please send us your latest report estimating the population in each county of the state. If a breakdown by sex, race, and age is available for each county, please include this breakdown.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving,
Research Assistant

FBI:fc

April 18, 1957

Mr. Clyde A. Bridger
Bureau of Vital Statistics
Department of Health and Welfare
Jefferson City, Missouri

Dear Mr. Bridger:

Please send us your latest report estimating the population in each county of the state. If a breakdown by sex, race, and age is available for each county, please include this breakdown.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving,
Research Assistant

FBI:fc

April 18, 1957

Dr. A. W. Hedrick
Division of Vital Records and Statistics
State Board of Health
2411 N. Charles Street
Baltimore 18, Maryland

Dear Dr. Hedrick:

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Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving,
Research Assistant

FBI:fc

April 18, 1957

Mr. John Lemasson
Tabulation and Analysis Section
State Board of Health
New Orleans 7, La.

Dear Mr. Lemasson:

Please send us your latest report estimating the population in each county of the state. If a breakdown by sex, race, and age is available for each county, please include this breakdown.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving,
Research Assistant

FBI:fc

April 18, 1957

Mrs. Catherine M. Clay
Division of Statistical Services
State Department of Health
620 S. Third Street
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Clay:

Please send us your latest report estimating the population in each county of the state. If a breakdown by sex, race, and age is available for each county, please include this breakdown.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving,
Research Assistant

FBI:fc

April 18, 1957

Mr. E. H. Williams
Bureau of Vital Statistics
State Board of Health
P. O. Box 210
Jacksonville 1, Florida

Dear Mr. Williams:

Please send us your latest report estimating the population in each county of the state. If a breakdown by sex, race, and age is available for each county, please include this breakdown.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving,
Research Assistant

FBI:fc

April 18, 1957

Mr. Merwyn Bridenstine
Bureau of Business & Economic Research
University of Arkansas
Fayetteville, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Bridenstine:

Please send us your latest report estimating the population in each county of the state. If a breakdown by sex, race, and age is available for each county, please include this breakdown.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving,
Research Assistant

FBI:fc

April 18, 1957

Mr. Ralph W. Roberts
Bureau of Vital Statistics
State Office Building
Montgomery 4, Alabama

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Please send us your latest report estimating the population in each county of the state. If a breakdown by sex, race, and age is available for each county, please include this breakdown.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving,
Research Assistant

FBI:fc

April 18, 1957

Mr. Robert E. Hughes, Exec. Dir.
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Room 1218 Comer Building
Birmingham 3, Alabama

Dear Mr. Hughes:

City and county elections are scheduled for a number of communities within the next several weeks. We would like to be informed of any increase in registration and voting by Negroes, of any discrimination against Negro voters, and of Negro candidates.

If you are aware of any of the above within your state, please inform us, We'd also appreciate clippings on Negro voter activity and Negro candidates; we will return these clippings if you wish us to.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving,
Research Assistant

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Same letter send to:
  Arkansas - Griswald
  La. - Vigo
  North Carolina - Jones
  South " -McCain
  Va. - Marion
  Ky. - Brimm

April 18, 1956

Mr. Edwin G. Kloppe, Exec. Dir.
Texas Commission on Race Relations
504 West Twenty-Fourth Street
Austin, Texas

Dear Mr, Kloppe:

City and county elections are scheduled for a number of communities within the next several weeks. We would like to be informed of any increase in registration and voting by Negroes, of any discrimination against Negro voters, and of Negro candidates.

If you are aware of any of the above within your state, please inform us. We would also appreciate clippings on Negro voter activity and Negro candidates; we will return these clippings if you wish us to.

Please send us newsclippings noting the action taken on the segregation bills before the legislature.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving,
Research Assistant

FBI:fc

April 18, 1957

Mr. William K. Williams, Exec. Dir.
Florida Council on Human Relations
213 N. E. Second Avenue
Miami, Florida

Dear Mr. Williams:

City and county elections are scheduled for a number of communities within the next several weeks. We would like to be informed of any increase in registration and voting by Negroes, of any discrimination against Negro voters, and of Negro candidates.

If you are aware of any of the above within your state, please inform us, We would also appreciate clippings on Negro voter activity and Negro candidates; we will return these clippings if you wish us to.

If the current Legislature passes additional segregation bills, please send us clippings on these laws and, if possible, the full text of the laws enacted.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving,
Research Assistant

FBI:fc

April 18, 1957

Mr. John Alexander
School Program
American Friends Service Committee
1818 South Main Street
High Point, N. C.

Dear John:

It's possible that I (or someone else in the office) may already have sent you the enclosed. However, three brochures are enclosed.

We have a limited number available for distribution, and could supply you with 25 or 30 copies of each if you have need of them.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving,
Research Assistant

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Encl.
"The Louisville Story"
"Attitudes Toward Desegregation"
"The Law of the Land"

April 18, 1957

Mr. Henry L. Catchings
American Friends Service Committee
1818 South Main Street
High Point, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Catchings:

We have not received the publication, "Merit Employment, Why and How," to which you referred in your letter of March 14. I hope that it is convenient for you to send us another copy.

If you have current reports showing the employment of Negroes since last spring (when your office gave us information for Integration North and South), we would appreciate receiving those.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving,
Research Assistant

FBI:fc

April 22, 1957

Miss Mary Dolan
COMMUNITY
4233 Indiana Avenue
Chicago 15, Illinois

Dear Miss Dolan:

In reply to your letter of April 16th, yes, you are free to reprint material from the NEW SOUTH without asking permission each time. However, in cases where we have reprinted from another publication, it is customary to obtain permission from the original publication. Any original material in NEW SOUTH may be reprinted as long as it is credited.

May we also request blank permission to reprint material from COMMUNITY?

Sincerely yours,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:ej

April 22, 1957

Mr. Edward B. Orr
Editorial Writer
The Christian Science Monitor
One Norway Street
Boston 15, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Orr:

It's good to hear from you again and to have an occasion, at this late date, to tell you how much I enjoyed your articles on the South.

Your question is provocative and, I find, surprisingly difficult. Most of the names that occur to me are pretty obvious, but I list them below for what they are worth.

The late Dr. Charles Johnson deserves mention, even posthumously, as an outstanding example.

Dr. Rufus E. Clement, President of Atlanta University, member of the Atlanta Board of Education and many national boards and services.

Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, President of Morehouse College and internationally recognised churchman.

Dr. F. D. Patterson, former President of Tuskegee Institute, now head of the Phelps-Stokes Fund and a leader of the United Negro College Fund.

Ralph Bunche, of course.

Lester Granger, Executive Director of the National Urban League.

Horace Mann Bond, President of Lincoln University, Pa.

Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., of Montgomery. (Several of us here held differing views on whether or not he fits your specifications. In some respects he does, in others clearly not.)

Judge William H. Hastie, third district U. S. Court.

I have purposely omitted such entertainment and sports figures as Marian Anderson and Jackie Robinson, feeling that you could best decide whether they should be included.

A number of other names have occurred to me, but I have not been able to settle on any others that clearly would belong in such a select list.

I'm sorry to give so incomplete an answer. Perhaps the next time you call on me, I can do better.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

April 22, 1957

Mrs. Marie K. Driggs
Executive Secretary
New York Fund for Children, Inc.
100 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mrs. Driggs:

It was very thoughtful of you to advise me that the deadline on Spring requests is almost here. Fortunately, we were putting our proposal to the New York Fund for Children in final form when your letter arrived.

Members of our Executive Committee, at a meeting last week, discussed the request at some length. The enclosed proposal embodies their thinking as well as that of the staff. If further information on any point would be helpful, please let us know.

We shall greatly appreciate the Fund's consideration.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encl.

April 22, 1957

A PROPOSAL TO THE NEW YORK FUND FOR CHILDREN

This is a request from the Southern Regional Council for a grant of $10,000 a year for three years from the New York Fund for Children.

As a body of Southerners of both races working together for a democratic society, the Council has a uniquely important role to play in the South today. It is not a new movement. As the successor to the Commission on Interracial Cooperation, it goes back in reputation and experience to 1919. But, despite this valuable continuity with the past, we find ourselves today in a new period, more crucial and challenging by far than in any preceding time.

Since the beginning of World War II, the trend toward full opportunity for Negro Americans, North and South, has been gaining momentum. In the legal sense, it reached a climax in May 1954 when the Supreme Court went to the heart of the question and held that there could be no equality in education so long as public schools were segregated. That decision spelled the doom of legally enforced segregation. It also served, however, as a rallying cry for the forces of prejudice and backwardness in the South, which have launched a formidable campaign of resistance to change and repression of those individuals and groups in the South that favor compliance with the Supreme Court's decision.

This resistance goes far beyond merely private pro-segregation activity; in the deep South, it includes virtually all of the state and local controlling institutions -- governors and attorneys general, legislatures and state-created commissions, many grand juries, most of the state and local law enforcement agencies, most Southern congressmen and senators, and, under vigilante pressure, many influential private institutions such as newspapers, business organizations, civic clubs, and the like.

As the one organization of its kind in the South, the Southern Regional Council and its state affiliates have faced steadily mounting demands to give leadership, a positive voice, and professional skill to the desegregation effort in the region. The Council has an outstanding Board of white and Negro Southerners, an unusually able and devoted staff, an affiliated human relations council in each Southern state, and many years of background and experience in the human relations field. But it must have new and expanded financial support if it is to meet effectively the heightened demands and opportunities which the current situation presents.

At stake in the reactions to the school decision is the welfare of Southern children, white and Negro. The major problems of this transition, of course, do not lie with the children themselves, but with the adults who influence their attitudes and create the situations in which they learn and develop. Little of the Council's work reaches children directly. But many of the Council's programs are concerned with parents, teachers, school administrators, and church leaders charged with youth activities. Therefore, we feel that in more than a broad general sense the work of the Council may be considered within the scope of the New York Fund for Children.

Our various activities are summarized in the attached material. Following are some specific examples of the way in which these programs influence the opportunity of children to develop in a more democratic environment.

1. Work directly with young people's groups. Mrs. M. E. Tilly, the Council's Director of Women's Work, spends a substantial amount of time counseling and teaching Methodist youth between the ages of twelve and twenty. She works year-round with the Methodist Youth Fellowship of the North Georgia Conference, and in the Summer she teaches at the annual region-wide assembly of that group at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina. In cooperation with the Association for the United Nations, she speaks to public school classes and to PTAs, with heavy emphasis on the international importance of our racial practices. Various members of our staff have worked closely with leaders of the YWCA's Y-Teen program and the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, on activities and materials concerned with race relations.

2. Work with teacher and parent groups. We have supplied speakers and consultants to both national and local meetings of the National Congress of Negro Parents and Teachers and the American Teachers Association. The aim here is to give helpful information, reassurance, and guidance to Negro teachers, who are often confronted with severe problems as a result of the segregation controversy and desegregation itself. All-white PTAs in the lower South are generally less receptive, but we are alert to every opportunity to supply speakers and information to those PTAs that are willing to deal with the subject of desegregation. Several of our state affiliates -- notably the Kentucky Council on Human Relations -- have supplied staff assistance and special consultants to school officials, teachers, PTAs, and student groups. The Texas

Council has been working with PTAs in the western part of that state as they undertake to unite the formerly separate white and Negro organizations.

3. The regional consultant program. The Southern Regional Council's consultant services are described in the enclosed material. In recent months, we have been able to make consultants available on a wider basis to public and private community leadership. Several weeks ago, for example, we received an official request from the school board of a North Carolina city for consultant help in formulating a plan for desegregation. This was an extremely significant request, since as yet no city in North Carolina has proceeded toward desegregation of the public schools. We made available to them a Kentucky County Superintendent of Schools who had done an outstanding job of desegregating his school system. His counsel was supplemented by that of a trained social scientist who had served as an adviser in the Kentucky desegregation. This is a consultant pattern that we hope to expand in the months to come.

Another opportunity that we hope to meet in the coming period is that presented by the teacher-training institutions. Young Southerners preparing themselves for teaching careers in these institutions have little or no chance to acquire insights and experience in teaching racially mixed classes. We have been supplying a good many of them with materials and information on desegregation. Through our field staff and consultants, we hope to develop ways to meet this need more directly. Given the necessary resources, we propose to stimulate workshops and possibly visits to desegregated school systems.

4. The Encampment for Citizenship. This summer, for the second time, the Council is cooperating with the Encampment for Citizenship in finding promising scholarship participants for the annual Summer encampment. We try to

recruit at least one white and one Negro young person from the same community, so that when they return to their homes they may continue their relationship and be mutually supporting in new-found values. Last year we recruited seven young people for the encampment, and this year the number will be twelve or more.

5. Information services. The Council receives each year hundreds of requests for information and material on race relations. A great many of these come from students, teachers, and religious youth leaders. It is impossible to measure the effect of information and publications distributed in this way, but we feel that their importance to the growth of new attitudes may be of considerable significance.

It would be possible to submit one or more of these activities as a special project worthy of support by the New York Fund for Children. We sincerely believe, however, that assistance to the Council's overall program will be more realistic and will better serve the common aims of the Fund and the Council. It is the Council's purpose, as far as possible, to achieve a program that is functionally integrated. Therefore, increasing our specific contribution to the welfare of the South's children is a matter not so much of developing new projects as of extending this emphasis in all of our on-going activities. A grant from the New York Fund for Children would be of great value in enabling the Council to enlarge this phase of its program.

We are proposing a three-year grant period for two reasons. First, in our opinion, the next three years will be crucial in determining the future pattern of race relations in the South. Despite the tension and difficulties of the last few years, the situation has not yet crystallized; it will do so as further court decisions and the possible spread of violence bring the issues to a head. Thus what is done or not done during the next three years will probably set the framework in which the longer-range working out of integration will take place. (For a disturbing example of the pro-segregation campaign to influence children's attitudes, see "A Manual for Southerners" enclosed.)

Secondly, sound program planning and staffing require a stable financial base. The Council is fortunate in having a deeply committed and well-qualified staff, but we cannot expect to hold such people or to make maximum use of their skills unless the organization's finances are secure for a reasonable period ahead.

We submit this proposal in the hope and belief that it will merit the support of the New York Fund for Children.

Encls:
"South of Promise"
"Brief History of the Southern Regional Council"
Next Steps in the South
What's Happening in School Integration?
White Citizens Councils - A Manual for Southerners
Organizational Chart and Descriptive List of Staff Members
1957 Budget
Letter of Tax-exemption

April 22, 1957

Mrs. David M. Levy
993 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mrs. Levy:

It was thoughtful of you to speak to Mrs. Driggs about our plan to submit a request to the New York Fund for Children. The request was delayed longer than I intended pending a meeting of our Executive Committee. After some delay, the meeting took place last week, so that the proposal reflects the thinking of both Board and staff members.

I thought you might like to have the enclosed copy of the proposal less the bulky supporting material.

Warmest thanks for all your help, and every good wish.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encl.

April 22, 1957

Mr. John Jordan
Duke Station
P. O. Box 4908
Durham, N. C.

Dear Mr. Jordan:

Under separate cover I have sent you several publications which should assist you in your study of the Negro in the United States.

Since the Duke University Library has limited resources I would suggest that you use the library facilities of North Carolina College at Durham and the Negro branch of the public library. Both are located on Fayetteville Street, and I am certain the librarians will be glad to assist you. You might also wish to request a bibliography, "Books About the Negro" which is being distributed by Mrs. M. H. Lee, Librarian, Richard B. Harrison Library, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving,
Research Assistant

FBI:fc

April 22, 1957

Mrs. Alan A. Diamonstein
University Gardens - H6
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Diamonstein:

Two of the best sources of information on desegregation in Virginia are The New York Times' Report on the South, March 13, 1956, and various issues of Southern School News. Southern School News has been published monthly since September, 1954, and contains a state by state analysis of school desegregation. I am certain that it is available in the University Library.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving,
Research Assistant

FBI:fc
Encl:
"Attitudes Toward Desegregation"
"Publications List"
"What's Happening In School Integration"

April 22, 1957

Miss Shirley Petrossi
Box 423
Hollins College
Hollins, Virginia

Dear Miss Petrossi:

Under separate cover I have sent you several publications which deal primarily with education in the South.

Comparative information on the North and South's educational systems may be obtained from the latest Biennial Survey of Education in the United States, which is probably in your college or public library. It is issued by the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Another helpful report issued by this office is "Report of the Long-Range Planning Phase of the School Facilities Survey."

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving,
Research Assistant

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April 22, 1957

Mr. Jack Clareman
The Christopher Reynolds Foundation
3040 Salmon Tower Building
Eleven West Forty-Second Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Mr. Clareman:

The Southern Regional Council earnestly hopes that the Christopher Reynolds Foundation will renew its aid to the work of the Council in this current year. Last year's grant of $5,000, in consideration of the Council's services to foreign visitors, greatly strengthened our program. This is to request a grant in the same amount and for the same purpose for 1957.

Our recent report to the Foundation set forth in some detail the activities which the 1956 grant has made possible. I hope that you and the other directors feel as we do that this return on the Foundation's investment warrants your continued confidence and support.

In recent months the Council has done a great deal of stock-taking of the situation in the South and the most effective role of an organization of this kind in so troubled a period. It has been sobering to realize how heavy a responsibility rests on the Council, as the one Southwide resource of its kind for those individuals and groups favoring orderly adjustment to the Supreme Court's school segregation decisions and positive efforts generally in the field of race relations. We have concluded that, to discharge this responsibility, the Council must expand both its activities and its base of financial support. To date, progress in both respects is encouraging, but we must rely heavily on continuing assistance from those who have found the Council's work worthy of support in the past.

Not the least important among the Council's on-going and expanded activities is the foreign visitor program. As in other activities, the Council must necessarily play a leading part in interpreting the South's problems and progress to visitors from other lands. Through this program, we feel that the Council is not only able to make some contribution to the international position of the United States, but also that it is able to introduce Southern leadership to the healthy influence of world opinion as represented by the foreign visitors.

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Since we have only recently reported fully to the Foundation, I will not unnecessarily prolong this letter by a discussion of the work assisted by the 1956 grant. Needless to say, I will be happy to supply any further information or analysis that will assist the Foundation in considering this request.

We are deeply grateful to the Christopher Reynolds Foundation for having enabled the Council to do a vital job effectively, and we greatly hope that it will renew its support.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

Encls:
Organization Chart
Descriptive List of Staff Members

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Enclosures:
History of SRC

April 22, 1957

Mr. Nathan Levin
100 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Levin:

When I was in New York a few weeks ago Ed Lukas was kind enough to call your office to see if it would be possible for you to talk with me about the Southern Regional Council. I am sorry it wasn't possible to arrange an appointment on that short notice, and I am taking this second best means to ask your advice.

As you may know the Southern Regional Council is an interracial organization of some years standing, devoted to improving race relations in the region. It was founded in 1944 as the successor to the old Commission on Interracial Cooperation. At its founding and for several years thereafter, the Council's principal support came from the Julius Rosenwald Fund. Indeed it is not too much to say that the Council might never have been formed had it not been for the interest and support of the Julius Rosenwald Fund.

Since the Supreme Court's school segregation decision in 1954, the serious problems of adjustment in the South have led to increasingly heavy demands on the Southern Regional Council. In order to expand our activities in proportion to the need for them, we are having to seek new sources of financial support. It has occured to us that Mr. Lessing Rosenwald and Mr. William Rosenwald might be interested in the work of the Council. Both Mrs. Ascoli and Mrs. Levy are familiar with the Council and contribute to it, and Mr. Edgar Stern has been a friend and supporter of the Council since it was organized.

Would it be convenient for me to explore this possibility further with you, or would it be more appropriate for me to write directly to Mr. Lessing and Mr. William Rosenwald? I shall greatly appreciate your consideration and advice.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

April 23, 1957

Mrs. Alice Spearman,
Executive Director,
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice,

We hope to print a version of Mr. Dabbs' speech in a forthcoming issue of New South. I spoke with Mr. Dabbs at an Executive Committee Meeting recently and he requested that I return the manuscript for re-working by him which I am doing.

We will have to cut it for New South treatment but this can be done without altering any of his thoughts. We would like to have done a separate printing but we just do not have sufficient printing money at this time.

With best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:cj

April 23, 1957

Mr. James McBride Dabbs
Rip Raps Plantation
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

In accordance with our conversation at the Executive Committee Meeting, I am returning a copy of your speech for re-editing. We plan to reprint this in an early issue of New South which means that it will have to be cut some. However, I think this can be done without altering your style and thought.

We hope to be able to use this in the June Issue and so would appreciate your returning this manuscript as soon as you have made the changes you think necessary.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:cj

enclosure:

April 23, 1957

Mr. Paul D. Ward
Director of Special Services
American Federation of Teachers
28 East Jackson
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Paul:

Enclosed is a copy of the most recent issue of the Council's publication, New South.

I thought several articles in it would be of interest to you; the ministers' statement from Richmond was mentioned at our labor conference as one positive step taken by churchmen.

Though I will send you special material from time to time, I would suggest that you use the form on the back of New South to enter your regular subscription.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

Enclosure

P.S. You should find the article on Kentucky teacher integration of special interest. A list of Southern AFT locals and a contact person in each would be helpful for me to have. I have nothing special to "aim" at them, but would like to know where they are and someone who could give some judgments on local situations when something arises. I would always be in touch with the national office before undertaking any activity with a local. If you could expedite this matter, I would appreciate it. Don't hesitate to call on me if you feel that I can be of help with any situation in the South, or in doing a needed interpretive job elsewhere.

April 23, 1957

Labor Education Association
Room 411
1321 Arch Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Friends:

I would like to remain on your mailing list and am sending you a change of address.

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E., Room 432
Atlanta, Georgia.

Enclosed is a copy of our own monthly publication. Best wishes to all of you in Philadelphia.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

Enclosure

April 23, 1957

Mr. Carl Megel, President
American Federation of Teachers
28 East Jackson Blvd.
Chicago 4, Illinois

Dear Brother Megel:

Enclosed is the most recent copy of the New South, the Council's monthly publication. I thought you would want to see the article on Kentucky teacher integration.

I have sent a copy to Paul Ward, who attended our labor conference in March.

With best personal wishes,

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

Enclosure

April 23, 1957

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Mr. Robert Repas
c/o Amalgamated Union Education Center
Cornwall, Pennsylvania

Dear Bob:

It was wonderful to receive a fat check from the Fund as a result of your efforts and your interest in our work.

The money is certainly needed and all here were greatly pleased at the expression of confidence that your singling us out indicated. Things keep moving here, with more than enough to do. Margaret continues to show improvement and is taking her first steps with aid of crutches and braces.

I hope all is going well with you; I would like to hear what you are doing and hope that we will soon have occasion to be together.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

Letter forwarded to all participants, SRC Labor Conference, with copy of April, 1957 New South endlosed.

April 23, 1957

Mr. Nick Bonanno
Special Assistant
Southeastern Regional Office
ILGWU
1489 Gordon Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Nick:

Enclosed is a copy of the most recent issue of the Council's publication, New South.

I thought several articles in it would be of interest to you; the ministers' statement from Richmond was mentioned at our labor conference as one positive step taken by churchmen.

Though I will send you special material from time to time, I would suggest that you use the form on the back of New South to enter your regular subscription.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

Enclosure

April 23, 1957

Mrs. Braxton Drummond
Presbyterian Life
Witherspoon Building
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Drummond:

The best repudiation of Manning Johnson's testimony against the NAACP has been issued by the NAACP itself. In case you have not been in touch with them, I enclose a copy of their release on the matter, a copy of a Department of Justice letter to Roy Wilkins, and an NAACP leaflet which deals in some detail with the attacks on that organization's patriotism. In the latter, note the statement by J. Edgar Hoover on page 10.

The Southern Regional Council was also slurred by Mr. Johnson. I am enclosing a copy of a letter from our President, written to State Senator W. M. Rainach.

As you probably know, Johnson himself is a professional witness whose irresponsible testimony on past occasions has thoroughly discredited him. His accusations against Ralph Bunche sometime ago were exposed as fraudulent. When the Subversive Activities Control Board was holding hearings on the Communist Party, Johnson was one of those who testified. When the SACB later issued its findings on the Communist Party, it specifically threw out Johnson's testimony as "tainted."

The NAACP, like the SRC, has never been cited by the Attorney General or the House Un-American Activities Committee, or any other responsible body, as being less than patriotic. Of course, the problem of unprincipled use of "raw" material from the House Committee's files to build up a specious case of guilt by association against reputable individuals is a continuing problem. As you know, the classic exposure of this technique was made by Bishop Oxnam a few years ago.

If we can be of further help on this or other matters, let me know.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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Encls.

April 23, 1957

Mr. David F. Freeman
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
60 East Forty-Second Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Freeman:

The Southern Regional Council acknowledges with appreciation the Fund's check for $100, representing a grant made on nomination of Mr. Robert Repas. Our official receipt is enclosed.

I am writing Mr. Repas today to express our thanks for this evidence of his regard for the work of the Council.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encl.

April 23, 1957

Mr. Robert Repas
c/o Amalgamated Union Education Center
Cornwall, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Repas:

We have just received from the Fund for the Republic a contribution of $100 made on your nomination as a winner in the American Traditions Contest. We are most grateful to you for designating the Council as one of the organizations that you would like to see assisted.

I have heard of you so often from Ben Segal and Emory Via that I almost feel as though we are personal friends. I hope we will have a chance to develop a first-hand acquaintance in the near future.

With appreciation and all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

April 23, 1957

Miss Elizabeth B. Herring
National Council on Agricultural
Life and Labor
1751 "N" Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Miss Herring:

A thousand pardons for this delay in responding to the kind invitation to serve on the Board of the NCALL. The truth is that I have been having inner conflict. I had promised myself that I would take on no added responsibilities, even nominal ones, at this time when the demands of the Council are so heavy. On the other hand, I was greatly tempted by your warm invitation.

After mulling it over this long, I am writing to say that I accept the position of member-at-large with appreciation. I won't be nearly as useful to you as George Mitchell, since agriculture is not a field in which I am deeply versed. However, I hold the work of the NCALL in high regard, and will be glad to give such support as my presence on the Board will constitute.

I thought you might find some material of interest in this article from the Atlanta Journal-Constitution on the effects of the soil bank program. Miss Irving, our Research Assistant, will send you further such articles as they appear.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encl.

April 23, 1957

Mrs. George Martin
629 South Grand
Pasadena, California

Dear Pat:

Thanks for your latest letter and its account of your good activities to date. You have indeed been busy.

I was glad to get the dope on foundations that you passed along. We know some of them, but others would bear further investigation. The New World Foundation is already helping us in a large way. I think that, as you pursue West Coast leads, you might well keep in mind that foundations are the single best source for work of this kind. If you can do an initial sounding with the executives of some of them to find out which ones are potentially interested and in what terms they would consider a request, we can then institute negotiations through correspondence and formal requests.

It's going to be a problem to give you the real feel of this activity through the mail. The best thing I have sent you is the mimeographed do called "The South of Promise," but I realise that that is very brief and generalised. If you could wangle a trip South with George, this would be by all odds the best way. What would be involved financially?

I am enclosing the 1957 budget that shows our forecast of expenditures and income, including the amount we must find from new sources this year. Also enclosed is a copy of our letter of tax-exemption and information on our staffing that I don't believe I sent you.

An article in Frontier would be most welcome.

I am remiss in not having opened the way for us to work out a businesslike arrangement. It would be unduly complicated, I feel, to establish you as an official representative of the Council. This would get us into policy questions that would have to be formally acted on by our Board. Do you have any hat you could wear, such as that of a fund-raising counsel?

So long as an official staff connection with the Council is not involved, there would be no problem about authorisation for you to approach potential contributors on the Council's behalf. Also, we should nail down the commission arrangement. After all, you have professional standing in this kind of thing, so that we should observe professional standards. Will you give me your thinking on these two points?

I am asking Paul Anthony of our staff to assemble some "exhibits" that will help you to understand our operation better and interpret it more effectively to the people you will be talking with.

All the best.

Sincerely

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encls.

April 23, 1957

Mr. L. Millard Hunt
6949 Tulip Street
Philadelphia 35, Pa.

Dear Millard:

Sorry to keep you waiting for a reply to your letter of April 15, but I have been out of the city on Council business. I had thought, since we had meanwhile met and discussed possible openings at SRC, that there was no need to answer your earlier letter to Harold Fleming - which he had turned over to me to answer. This will serve as an answer to both.

Our apprentice training program cannot be inaugurated until we get a "go-ahead" from the Fund for the Republic and N.A.I.R.O. We have received a number of applications for this position and hope to receive more. Your application will be given careful consideration along with others we receive. We want to pick the most promising person for training - we feel we owe it to those who are underwriting the program, to SRC, and, more important, to the professional field of intergroup relations.

We are not certain, at this point, just when we shall get the "go-ahead" from N.A.I.R.O. and the Fund. When we do, a committee of Board and staff members will evaluate the applications and choose the candidate.

If this seems too remote a possibility or too far distant a time, I am sorry, but I am sure you understand our reasons for not being able to move at this time.

You asked of other possibilities of employment - we have none at SRC or in the state affiliates just now. Have you contacted Miss Barbara Moffett of the AFSC? I understand they are looking for new staff members.

It was good to see you and the three students from Haverford. I really believe that you have a significant contribution to make in the field of intergroup relations. I only wish I could be of more help.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

April 23, 1957

Mrs. Marion R. Ascoli
23 Gramercy Park South
New York 3, New York

Dear Mrs. Ascoli:

As I wrote you earlier, Mrs. Levy suggested that some of the Council's activities might fall within the scope of interest of the New York Fund for Children. We have submitted the enclosed proposal to the Fund.

I thought you might like to see the enclosed copy, unburdened by the various items of supporting material. I am enclosing a newly prepared copy of our 1957 budget, showing forecast income as well as expenses.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encls:

April 24, 1957

The Honorable W. M. Rainach
State Senate
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

My dear Senator Rainach:

This is to acknowledge your letter of March 26th. I have delayed replying until now so that we might have an opportunity to check the quotation from the *Daily Worker* cited in your transcript of Manning Johnson's testimony.

We are glad to have identified the source of this baseless charge made by Mr. Johnson against the Southern Regional Council. As I wrote you on March 14, the allegation that Communists were in any way responsible for the founding of the Council is clearly refuted by contemporary newspaper accounts and other responsible documentation. It is strange, indeed, that a self-serving statement in the *Daily Worker* in 1954, ten years after the event, should be accepted as reliable evidence to the contrary.

We do not share the unquestioning faith which Mr. Johnson — though we hope not your committee — has in the accuracy and truthfulness of the *Daily Worker*. It is well established that the Communist Party and its press have no scruples about claiming credit for any achievement when it suits their purpose of the moment to do so. To slur the reputations of a thoroughly patriotic organization and reputable individuals on the basis of this kind of "evidence" — particularly when there is an abundance of reliable evidence in refutation — would hardly become a responsible official body.

We note in the newspaper account of Manning Johnson's testimony that he is quoted as saying the Southern Regional

Council is a "transmission belt of Communist infiltration in the South." This statement does not appear in the portion of the transcript reproduced in your letter of March 26th.

This charge is as false and unfounded as the one concerning the origin of the Council. We would be interested to know whether it was, in fact, made by Mr. Johnson, and, if so, whether it was also based on the false reference to the Council in the Daily Worker of December 1, 1954.

Sincerely yours,

M. A. Wright
President

April 24, 1957

Mr. and Mrs. George S. Mitchell
Glencoe, Argyll,
Scotland

Dear Alice and George:

The admirable report from GSM was warmly welcome. In addition to bringing all of us up to date, it arms us for the many requests for a progress report on the Mitchells which we receive in the course of each day. The spot you have settled on sounds like something out of a pastoral novel I do hope the hassles with the immigration people, the building inspector, and the 1896 plumbing don't raise too many obstacles.

I can foresee further incredulity when I report that you two are planning to do the building yourselves. Do keep us apprised of this development, so that we can refute all the doubters.

All goes well with the SRC -- or as well as anyone can hope in this stage of Southern development. I don't have to tell you that we have been begging money at a great rate, and God willing will make it through September 30th and on into a new period of F for R support. Our request comes before the Fund's Board on May 15th, with reasonable hope of favorable action.

The GSM Tribute Fund has had a good response, and hopefully isn't finished yet. Thanks for letting us exploit you. You will be getting in due course a handsome scroll. Meanwhile, we will have long since spent the proceeds.

I will spare you all further earthbound details of the Council's operation, lest ex-responsibilities show signs of reviving. Enough to say that the show goes on with determination.

We will convey the main news to Jamie and look forward to more as the wheelbarrow pushing permits.

All the staff sends warmest greetings.

Best,

Harold C. Fleming

April 24, 1957

Dr. Forrest LaViolette
Tulane University
Department of Sociology
and Anthsopology
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Dr. LaViolette:

It was good to have a chance to talk with you when you were here recently.

The paper prepared for the S.S.S. meeting by you and John Fenton was exceedingly well done. I trust it will get the distribution it deserves.

If we can assist in any way the further planning of your research project, do call on us.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

Enclosed: (EFV's instructions)
"South of Promise"
Staff Biographies

April 24, 1957

Mr. William Oliver
United Automobile Workers
8000 East Jefferson
Detroit 14, Michigan

Dear Bill:

Our annual request to the National AFL-CIO for a contribution to our work has just been submitted. I know you understand that the increased demands upon us mean that we must ask our longstanding contributors to increase the amount which they give us. Accordingly, in our request to the AFL-CIO we have asked that its contribution be increased to $5,000.

This matter will come before the AFL-CIO Council in May and we would like for members of the Council who are familiar with our program to know that this increased amount is being asked for. It would be a real service to us if you could see that Walter Reuther is currently informed on our program and our needs. I am enclosing two leaflets which I believe you have seen, but which should be of informational value to Mr. Reuther.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encl.

April 24, 1957

Rabbi Charles Mantinband
808 Mamie Street
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Dear Rabbi Mantinband:

In the absence of Harold Fleming and Fred Routh, your letter of the 20th has been called to my attention.

The Council has not received a request for staff participation in the Jackson meeting of the 27th. Several weeks ago Fred Routh offered to come to Jackson then or later if he could be of assistance. Mrs. Lyells wrote that she and Bishop Brunini felt such a trip was unnecessary, but offered to let us know if and when any help could be given. In light of these factors I doubt that we would have felt that Fred or C. H. Parish could come to the Jackson meeting.

We do, of course, stand ready to be of assistance at any time.

I am sure you will hear from Harold shortly after his return to the office on the 30th.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA:mm

April 24, 1957

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

I am dictating this on the heels of our telephone conversation. Enclosed is a copy of the letter to Rainach in its final form. You will note the changes I made at the two points you questioned; I hope that adequately takes care of your valid criticism.

I am enclosing several pieces of financial analysis that were presented to the Executive Committee and discussed there. The forecast of income in the 1957 budget is based on the assumption that we will get $200,000 from the Fund for the Republic. (Unhappily it now appears that that is the amount that may be recommended to their Board by their officers and staff.) The meeting was a very good occasion. As you will have observed from the agenda, adequate time was allowed for Executive Committee members to express their views and suggestions on program. As I told you, the proposed request to the Fund for the Republic was approved substantially as drafted.

One other noteworthy action: in view of the still uncertain financial situation, the Committee voted to defer until its July meeting the final decision on the date for the annual meeting. Money permitting, they felt that that would be early enough to schedule a September meeting of the Council. Meanwhile, the staff is to prepare necessary changes in the by-laws and do other preliminary planning for the annual meeting.

I agree wholeheartedly that we need to have a substantial amount of time together. Normally, I would propose coming to Linville Falls. But this is anything but a normal time, and the heavy load of travel and paperwork imposed by fund-raising have placed a frightful premium on working time here in the office.

My schedule for the next few weeks is as follows:

April 25 through 27 - New York.
May 2 and 3 - Little Rock for conferences with Harry Ashmore and the Arkansas Council.
May 6 and 7 - Appointment with a San Francisco Foundation executive, here in Atlanta.
May 10 and 11 - Two-day conference of our regional consultants is Atlanta.
May 21 and 22 - A conference of state staff people here in Atlanta.

There are several contingencies, most important of which is the possibility that Josephine Wilkins will want me to make a flying visit to New York sometime in May to meet with prospective contributors that she has cultivated. (She was at the Executive Committee meeting and announced that she was, after some delay, about to be off on her mission for SRC.)

As you see, the week of the 13th is clear of conferences and travel, as are a few scattered days before then. If you could conveniently visit us here in Atlanta, you would be eagerly welcome. That would have the advantage of exposing you to the rest of the staff in their working situation.

I shall look forward to hearing from you. Meanwhile, all best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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Encls.

April 24, 1957

Mr. Rufus E. Clement
President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Clement:

You will be glad to know that Marion Wright is fully recovered and back at Linville Falls. In a telephone conversation today, we agreed on the text of a further letter to Senator Rainach, a copy of which will be sent you shortly.

He made the further suggestion that a statement giving the accurate history of the founding of the Council and refuting Manning Johnson's charge, signed by the surviving incorporators of the Council, would be a valuable document. I think the suggestion has obvious merit.

Would it be possible for you to dictate a suitable statement of this kind and send a copy to Bishop Moore and Ralph McGill asking them to join you in signing it? We will be glad, of course, to assist in the drafting or clerical work if you wish us to.

It is worth recalling that there are two charges concerned with the founding of the Council that we have had occasion to refute. One is to the effect that the Council is the de facto successor to the Southern Conference on Human Welfare, and the second is the James E. Jackson business. A joint statement by the incorporators might simply take notice of the fact that the founding of the Council has been misrepresented in these ways and then proceed to recount the accurate history.

I think Bishop Moore would be willing to do this, particularly at your request, though I feel that he would prefer to restrict the statement merely to the factual details of the founding of the Council rather than including any comment on its subsequent or current activities. But that would serve our immediate purpose.

I shall look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

April 24, 1957

Mr. Don Hager
Director
Commission on Community Interrelations
American Jewish Congress
Fifteen East Eighty-Fourth Street
New York 28, New York

Dear Don:

Life has been moving so fast for me that I failed to take advantage of your invitation to comment in advance of publication on "Children Together." But having read it carefully, I did want to let you know that I think it is an excellent job. I hope it will get the wide use it deserves.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

April 24, 1957

Mrs. Kenneth R. Parker
713 Kingsley Avenue
Pomona, California

Dear Mrs. Parker:

Miss Florence Irving of our staff has sent some material to the Reverend Mr. Farnsworth, as you requested.

I have just received a letter from George Mitchell reporting varied and stimulating activities, since he and Alice arrived in Scotland. They scouted the western Highlands, and finally found both a desirable site for the two cottages they are planning to build, and a house nearby which they could rent until August. It all sounds quite idyllic though he comments that the house is "1896 in construction and plumbing and heating (which is coal fires)." I am sure he and Alice would want me to convey their warmest regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

April 24, 1957

The Most Reverend Vincent S. Waters
Bishop of Raleigh
15 North McDowell Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

My dear Bishop Waters:

It is pleasant to hear from you.

The film version of Dr. Mitchell's speech on Southern regionalism was somewhat delayed by a need for a complete reshooting. The second version is now completely processed and is in the hands of the sponsors, namely the Board of Christian Education of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. It was this group rather than the Southern Regional Council which undertook the sponsorship and financing of the film and will be making it available for rental or purchase.

I am writing today to ask how soon copies of the film will be ready for distribution. As soon as I receive a reply, you will hear from me again.

We greatly appreciate your kind words about the work of the Council and value your continuing friendship.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

April 24, 1957

Mr. H. B. Sissel
Associate Secretary
The Board of Christian Education of the
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.
830 Witherspoon Building
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Ben:

We are getting a good many queries about the availability of the George Mitchell film. I gather from Frank Willard that the second version is completed and in your hands.

Are you in position to give us any idea of the availability date?

While I am writing: I take it you haven't yet gotten any final word on the matter we discussed by telephone some weeks ago. When and if you do, I will be most eager to hear.

I caught a glimpse of you and Jean Russell in Washington. Sorry we had no opportunity to talk.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

April 24, 1957

Mr. George K. Hunton
Catholic Interracial Council
20 Vesey Street
New York 7, New York

Dear George:

The Board of Christian Education of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. undertook to do a twenty minute film version of George Mitchell's talk. Unfortunately it had to be reshot, and the processing of the second version was completed only about a week ago. The Presbyterians will be making it available -- soon, I hope, for rental or purchase by interested groups. We plan to have one or more copies on hand for showing on a loan basis.

As it happens, I received a letter in the same mail as yours from Bishop Waters inquiring about the availability of the film. I have written today to Ben Sissel of the Presbyterians to find out how soon a copy will be ready. As soon as I hear from him, I will write you again.

Thanks for your thoughtfulness in arranging for me to receive a copy of the April issue of Ave Maria containing the Catholic version of the St. Louis Story. I am looking forward to seeing it.

With warm good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

April 24, 1957

Mr. Harold Katz
Recording Secretary
Civil Rights Committee
IUE Local 255
Pittsfield, Mass.

Dear Brother Katz:

Under separate cover our Research Assistant, Miss Florence Irving, has sent you several pamphlets which have a bearing on civil rights problems. I am enclosing for your information an announcement of a book, "Integration - North and South," which may be of interest to you. The Director of our Council, Harold Fleming, was one of the authors of this book. If you would like to add this volume to your other materials, you may make use of the order blank included on the announcement.

I trust that thesd materials will be of some help to you. If there is any other way in which we can be of aid, please feel free to call upon us.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

Enclosure

April 25, 1957

Mr. Jack Clareman
Secretary
The Christopher Reynolds Foundation, Inc.
3040 Salmon Tower Building
Eleven West Forty-Second Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Mr. Clareman:

In Mr. Fleming's absence, we are enclosing the material you requested in your letter of April 24th.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

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- 3 - 1957 Budgets
- 3 - Descriptive List of Staff Members
- 3 - Organizational Charts

Enclosed: (EFV's instructions)
"South of Promise"
Staff Biographies

April 25, 1957

Mr. Boyd Payton
Regional Director
Transport Workers Union of America
100 West Sixth Street
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Boyd:

We have just recently put in our request to the National AFL-CIO for its annual contribution to our program. We are asking that the contribution be increased to $5,000 this year. You well understand the increased demands on an organization like ours at this time and our need to secure increased contributions from old friends.

Because of your knowledge of the South and your union position, as well as because of your membership on the Board of our North Carolina affiliate, you are particularly well qualified to help us interpret both our program and our needs.

Our request is to go before the Executive Council of the AFL-CIO in May. It would be a real service to us if by that time Mr. Rieve could be further informed about our work and our needs and the fact that we are requesting increased support this year.

I am enclosing two leaflets which you may have seen but which would perhaps be of informational value to Mr. Rieve.

We greatly appreciate the work that you are doing and your interest in the problems that are of such real concern to us all. We were impressed with Julius Fry's participation in our labor conference last month, though we were very sorry that you were not able to be there in person.

Emory Via joins me in best wishes.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encls.

April 25, 1957

Mr. James A. Dombrowski
Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc.
822 Perdido Street
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Dombrowski:

In answer to your inquiry regarding our voting report, we had expected to complete it prior to this time.

It should be available within the next three or four weeks, and Mr. Fleming has asked that I add your name to the list of persons to receive copies of the report.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

April 25, 1957

Mr. Richard C. Eisenhauer
2447 Lee Road
Cleveland Heights 18, Ohio

Dear Ike:

Your contribution to the Council came as a pleasant surprise, and we are all grateful. An official receipt is enclosed.

Under separate cover, I have sent "Three Views" and another article which will interest you, "Attitudes Toward Desegregation."

Vivian and I frequently think of the pleasant associations made at Fisk and of the broader insight gained. I'm certain that this year's program will be equally valuable, though the personal contributions of Dr. Johnson will be missed.

With the close of school approaching, I suppose you're planning interesting summer activities. What's it to be this year? Best wishes for a pleasant and stimulating summer.

Sincerely,

Florence Irving

April 25, 1957

Mr. John Gunther, Co-Chairman
South Africa Defense Fund
4 West 40th Street
New York 18, New York

Dear Mr. Gunther:

The enclosed check for ten dollars is just a token of our interest in the defense of South Africans who suffer legal and other harassment.

We feel that our first concern must be with our own daily problems here in the South - through our own organization and other channels. But we do want to join personally with you and others to make some expression of interest in the South African situation.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony

John Constable

Harold C. Fleming

Frederick B. Routh

Emory F. Via

EFV:mm
Enclosure

April 25, 1957

Mr. James Turner
United Rubber Workers
URW Building
Mill and High Street
Akron, Ohio

Dear Jim:

I greatly appreciate your two letters of commendation for the work done on the Southern Regional Council's labor conference. This letter is a little outside of my program area here at the Council, but I would like to ask your aid in helping along our request to the national AFL-CIO for their annual contribution. The AFL-CIO Executive Council is due to act on our request at its May meeting. It would be a real service to us if President Buckmaster could be informed in advance of that meeting as to just what the Southern Regional Council is and what it does, so that he would feel comfortable in lending his support to our request.

The AF of L and the CIO used to contribute to us separately and the merged organization has also contributed about $2,000 to our annual budget. However, this year, due to very real needs, we are asking that they up their contribution to $5,000. For this reason, we are taking some pains to see that those whom we know are interested in our program are informed in advance that the request is being made.

Our work load has increased mightily at the same time that our main foundation support has declined. So it is of double importance to us to have increased contributions from our other supporters.

I am enclosing a few materials which I believe you have seen but which you may wish to pass on to President Buckmaster for his information. Thanks so much for this service.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

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April 25, 1957

Mr. E. T. Kehrer
ILGWU
1489 Gordon Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Al:

I hope to be in personal touch with you soon so that we can consider further your idea for a labor conference on race relations problems which will be aimed more specifically at the second echelon of Southern staffs. I think this level should be one of our chief areas of concentration. You could be of real help to me in discussing some of the unions that should be included in such a conference, whether or not we should have a sub-regional break-down and thereby hold several conferences, and what you think the role of the regional directors themselves should be in this kind of undertaking.

We have just sent in to the national AFL-CIO our annual request for support. This year, for reasons which you already understand, we are asking that they up their support to $5,000. I wonder if you could do us the service of writing President Dubinsky about our operations and our needs so that he will be ready to support this request when it comes before the AFL-CIO Council meeting in May. I am enclosing two informational pieces which you have seen, but which may be useful for Dubinsky to have.

I'll soon be in touch with you.

With best personal wishes,

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

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Enclosures

April 25, 1957

Mr. Ken Peterson
IUE
1126 - 16th Street, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Ken:

Ben has written me about your request for display materials at your Civil Rights Conference in Chicago. We don't normally keep pictures and posters on hand, but I think that I will be able to turn up a few items of interest for that meeting. You might be interested to know that we just recently had an information request from Local 255 in Pittsfield, Massachusetts; we have sent them some materials.

I wonder if you or Al could do us the good service of seeing that President Carey is fully informed about our operation and needs before the May meeting of the AFL-CIO Executive Council. At that time, we are asking the AFL-CIO to up its contribution to us to $5,000. Because our needs are so real, with the increased work load here, we feel that it is necessary to ask for increased support from our old friends. We do think that it is wise, however, to let persons on the Executive Council who are familiar with our work and interested in it know that we are asking for this increased support.

I am enclosing a couple of pieces of material which I believe that you have seen but which may be of informational value to Carey. Thanks so much for this service and let me hear from you if there is anything that I can do to be of assistance to you in your work.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

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Enclosures

April 25, 1957

Mr. Robert E. Hughes
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Room 1218 Comer Building
Birmingham 3, Alabama

Dear Robbie:

It was good to see you at Nashville and I regret I did not get to see the SRC folks again before I left. Would you please send me the poop on the two meetings scheduled in Alabama May 3 and 4.

Best regards to you and Dottie.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

April 25, 1957

Mr. Ben Segal
Trade Union Consultant
Fund for the Republic
1820 Jefferson Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Ben:

We have written to several regional directors or to persons in the national offices of unions who are concerned with civil rights to request that they see that the presidents of their unions who serve on the Executive Council of the AFL-CIO are informed as to the program and needs of the Southern Regional Council so that they will be prepared to receive our request for an increased contribution to our work. Such letters have gone to Jim Turner, Ken Peterson, Al Kehrer, Bill Oliver, Boyd Payton. In addition to this, Paul Christopher has written to Vic Reuther and to Boris Shishkin. We know that the May meeting of the Council will be a busy one, and we are anxious that our request not be handled so routinely that they fail to realize that we have asked for an increased amount this year. It may be that some word from you to John Edelman and to Frank Shane would be helpful. Emory hopes to be in touch with George Gill of the CWA regarding Bierne.

If you feel that further word from you would be helpful or that any other contacts should be made, please feel free. Would there by any value in having state federation officers or other regional directors write directly to George Meany? Philip Randolph has already indicated his willingness to support our request. Please let me know if you feel that there is any further follow-up which we should do.

Thanks once again.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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April 26, 1957

Dr. Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
223 Chestnut Street, S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Clement:

At the suggestion of the Executive Committee, we have prepared a follow-up letter to those members of the Board of Directors who have not contributed to the Mitchell Tribute Fund.

A draft of this letter is enclosed for your approval or suggestions.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Anthony,
Administrative Assistant

PA:cj

enclosure:

April 26, 1957

Mr. Marion Wright
"Top Not"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

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A draft of this letter is enclosed for your approval or suggestions.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Anthony,
Administrative Assistant

PA:cj

enclosure:

April 26, 1957

Mrs. George Martin
629 South Grand
Pasadena, California

Dear Mrs. Martin:

We are mailing to you the materials mentioned by Harold Fleming in his letter of April 23rd, under separate cover.

If you need additional materials of this nature, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Anthony,
Administrative Asst.

PA:cj

separate cover:

April 26, 1957

Mr. Saul Miller
Managing Editor
AFL-CIO News
815 - 16th Street, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Miller:

I would like to receive the AFL-CIO News in exchange for our monthly publication, New South. The most recent issue of the New South is enclosed.

Thanks for giving this matter your attention, and I look forward to receiving the AFL-CIO News.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm
Enclosure

April 26, 1957

Dr. Rufus E. Clement
Office of the President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Clement:

This is a belated note of appreciation to Atlanta University for having made its facilities available to us for our labor conference in March. As on past occasions, the accommodations for meetings, meals, and lodgings were just what we needed.

We were very glad that you were able to take a few minutes out of your own busy schedule to speak to those attending this conference.

With best personal wishes in your current endeavors,

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

Letter forwarded to 21 editors of labor publications, checked in red on List of Publications of AFL-CIO.

April 26, 1957

The Editor
The United Auto Worker
UAW - AFL-CIO
8000 East Jefferson Avenue
Detroit 14, Michigan

Dear Sir:

I would like to start receiving the United Auto Worker in exchange for our own monthly publication, the New South. The most recent issue of the New South is enclosed.

Thanks for giving this matter your attention. I look forward to receiving your paper.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

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Enclosure

April 26, 1957

Miss Elizabeth B. Herring
Executive Secretary
National Council on Agricultural
Life & Labor
1751 "N" Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Herring:

I am enclosing the news clippings to which Mr. Fleming referred in his recent letter.

In addition, a copy of an article on Tennessee is enclosed since it contains a brief reference to the soil bank program.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving,
Research Assistant

FBI:fc

April 29, 1957

Mrs. C. E. Biggerstaff, Chairman,
Christian Social Relations,
United Church Women of Florida
4906 Adamson Street
Orlando, Florida

Dear Mrs. Biggerstaff:

I have been absent from the office almost an entire month, hence the delay in answering your letter of April 4th. I regret very much to tell you that we do not have the stencils of the "gleanings" from your meeting so I could not furnish the 200 copies. However, we are sending you what we have on hand which will probably be enough for each of your local councils to have a copy.

I hope your annual meeting gives you as much joy and satisfaction as the Workshop at Avon Park.

With best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) M.E. Tilly,
Director of Women's Work

MET:cj

separate cover:

April 29, 1957

Dr. F. D. Patterson, Director,
Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Dr. Patterson:

It was very wonderful to come back home from a hard trip and find on my desk your letter and a check for $2,000.00 from the Phelps-Stokes Fund, to be used for the work of the Fellowship of the Concerned. It is a joy, even now, to be planning just how to spread this money over the South to make it do the most good. I hope that someone from the Fund may find it possible to be in, either the regional, or some of the state meetings that will be made possible by this $2,000.00.

I would like for the Trustees of the Fund to know that we are deeply grateful and to know that the money will be carefully administered. Reports will be sent to you from time to time.

I have a sense of feeling that the Master blesses it as he did the loaves and fishes and I always pray that the multitutdes may be fed and strenghtened to face our "new" South. Funds, like the Phelps-Stokes, are really the Andrews in the picture that supply the loaves and fishes.

Deeply grateful to the Foundation and to you personally, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly,
Director of Women's Work

MET:cj

April 29, 1957

Mrs. A. N. Dahl, Chairman,
Christian Social Relations,
United Church Women of Texas
Pettus, Texas

Dear Mrs. Dahl:

In reply to your request for 50 copies each of the Workbook and the January Issue, 1956, NEW SOUTH, we are pleased to quote you a price of 15¢ per copy of each of these, making a total of $15.00.

I am delighted that you will have a Workshop on, "Christ, the Church and Race." Liston Pope's book, The Kingdom Beyond Caste, Friendship Press, has just been released, and you might find much in it that would help you in your Workshop.

Also, we are sending to you several pieces of free material that you might find useful. We do not have on hand a great supply of free materials but hope that you might find these helpful.

The best of wishes to you in your Workshop. I know that it will be most worthwhile.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly,
Director of Women's Work

MET:cj

separate cover:

April 29, 1957

Mr. Israel Moss, Director,
Department of National Organizations,
Anti-Defamation League,
B'nai B'rith
515 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Mr. Moss:

Your letter was such a pleasent surprise because I had been so much the recipient in that great Conference on Intergroup Relations, I didn't think anybody would thank me for the little part I had in it.

I understand that it was Mrs. Perlman's dream that such a National Women's Conference would be held but she also had to have the backing of you, Mr. Cohen and all of the rest of the members of the National Commission.

It was one of the most deeply searching Workshops and I suspect the most far-reaching one that I have ever had the privilege of being in. I wish I knew how to express my appreciation to all who had a part it in.

Deeply grateful and most appreciative of the fact that you wrote to me, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly,
Director of Women's Work

MET:cj

April 29, 1957

Miss Georgene B. Lovecky,
Program Secretary,
Whitney Visiting Professors
John Hay Whitney Foundation
630 Fifth Avenue
New York 20, New York

Dear Miss Lovecky:

One of the disappointments I had on my last trip to New York, was that I did not have an opportunity to talk with you. Your secretary may have told you that I called several times hoping that I might be able to see you. You are always such a good listener to the stories of what the women of the South are trying to do. I invariably, come away encouraged and strenghtened--almost like I had put on a new armour to fight the things that are wrong.

I do want you to know that I have always been exceedingly grateful to you for listening to me and for your sympathetic understanding.

Deeply grateful, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly,
Director of Women's Work

MET:cj

April 29, 1957

Miss E. B. Piper
51 Brattle Street
Cambridge 38, Mass.

Dear Miss Piper:

In conversations with Ellen she told me of your contribution to the Southern Conference Educational Fund. Ellen indicated that you would want me to let you know that this is not the organization with which I work. Our group is the Southern Regional Council, which has been operating in these troubled waters since 1944 and was successor to a group which had worked for racial harmony since 1919.

I am taking the liberty of enclosing a few leaflets and publications, some of which you may have seen. I'm sorry that while you were down here we did not get to talk in greater detail about our work, for I was anxious to have you understand as much as possible about our underlying philosophy and motivation as well as our method of operation.

I usually make it to Warm Springs on the weekends; its always good to see Ellen. Occasionally our schedules are such that she can go riding with us. I met Mathew Hale and family a week ago and it was a very pleasant experience.

Best personal wishes to you and thanks for your concern over the problems which beset our region.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

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Enclosures

Enclosures to Miss Piper:

South of Promise
Staff List
Jan. New South
Feb. " "
March " "
April " "
Next Steps in the South

April 30, 1957

Miss Juanita Brown
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Juanita,

I rushed the manuscript back to you at the every earliest date I had. I told you that I would not be at home and with my files for some days after I saw you in New York. When I reached home, there was a death in our family--my daughter-in-law's aunt who reared her. This prevented me from even looking up the material for a day or so. I do hope this did not inconvenience the work too greatly.

It was not raining the day I mailed it therefore I did send it it Special-Delivery Air Mail. I have not heard from you, so suppose it reached you alright.

It was good to see you and I was glad to be a little help if it was not too late.

The best of wishes to you always, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

MET:cj

April 30, 1957

Mr. John Hope, II
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear John,

What material or information is already available on this Summer's Institute? I've discussed with Ben the idea of getting labor participation and think it a good one. We would like to get out a letter immediately. If printed matter is available, then about fifty (50) copies would serve as a starter for me.

If nothing is in print, then I would like such information as you now have about program participants, costs, exact dates, program schedules and whatever else you feel is pertinent.

For the labor groups, we were thinking of covering such topics as the background of resistance groups; activities of pro-segregation groups, how to counteract the resisters, educational programs in Southern unions, resources available to union staff persons, and the use of racial issues against unions. Comments from you are welcome.

Best personal wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Emory F. Via,
Labor Consultant

EFV:cj

April 30, 1957

Mr. Oscar Cohen, Director,
Program Division,
Anti-Defamation League
B'nai B'rith
515 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Mr. Cohen:

How nice it was to get a letter like yours, even though the little part I contributed was far outweighed by the uplift that I received.

It was most significant as you will know by the fact that so many organizations dropped their particular jobs for the time being to come and participate in this great Women's Conference on Intergroup Relations. It was so worthwhile that the effects of it will be far-reaching over the nation. Speeches and workshop reports will be referred to for years to come.

I am very grateful that I was asked to be a part of this Conference.

Your friendship through the years has meant much to me, please continue it.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly,
Director of Women's Work

MET:cj

May 1, 1957

Mr. Cliff Mackay, Editor
Afro-American
628 Eutaw Street
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Mr. Mackay:

I am endeavoring to secure some photographs that show incidents of peaceful integration in transportation, education, or other areas, or which show violence, terrorism, or reaction on the part of the KKK, White Citizens Councils or other groups.

These photographs would be used along with other materials for a display at a Civil Rights Conference to be held this month in Chicago by the International Union of Electrical Workers, AFL-CIO.

We do not keep this type of material at the Council, but I am endeavoring to help out the IUE for this special meeting. Locally, Mr. Bill Gordon of the Atlanta Daily World is giving me some assistance.

Anything that you can cause to be done to aid me in this request would be most appreciated.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

May 1, 1957

Editor
South Carolina Labor News
P. O. Box 1032
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Sir:

I would like to start receiving the South Carolina Labor News in exchange for our own monthly publication, the New South. The most recent issue of the New South is enclosed.

Thanks for giving this matter your attention. I look forward to receiving your paper.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm
Enclosure

May 1, 1957

Mr. P. B. Young
Journal and Guide
719 E. Olney Road
Norfolk, Virginia

Dear Mr. Young:

I am endeavoring to secure some photographs that show incidents of peaceful integration in transportation, education or other areas, or which show violence, terrorism, or reaction on the part of the KKK, White Citizens Councils or other groups.

These photographs would be used along with other materials for a display at a Civil Rights Conference to be held this month in Chicago by the International Union of Electrical Workers, AFL-CIO.

We do not keep this type of material at the Council, but I am endeavoring to help out the IUE for this special meeting. Locally, Mr. Bill Gordon of the Atlanta Daily World is giving me some assistance.

Anything that you can cause to be done to aid me in this request would be most appreciated.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

May 1, 1957

Editor
The Labor Citizen
Florida State Federation of Labor
2500 N.W. 26th Street
Miami, Florida

Dear Sir:

I would like to start receiving The Labor Citizen in exchange for our own monthly publication, the New South. The most recent issue of the New South is enclosed.

Thanks for giving this matter your attention. I look forward to receiving your paper.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm
Enclosure

May 1, 1957

Mr. Paul D. Ward
Director of Special Services
American Federation of Teachers
28 East Jackson Blvd.
Chicago 4, Illinois

Dear Paul:

Thanks for your letter and the subscription order for New South. Although we will soon have had $2.00 worth of correspondence on the matter, your check for the $2.00 subscription was not enclosed. Sorry.

I look forward to hearing from Mary Herrick; I would be happy to meet with her on future trips South either here in Atlanta or possibly elsewhere.

There will be some follow up conferences to the March meeting. For one we will work out a special arrangement for labor participation and coverage at the annual Fisk University Summer Institute. You'll hear more on this soon. I hope also to set up a few sub-regional conferences to reach a wider cross-section of staff and to handle problems on as basic a level as may be necessary. AFT will be welcome to any of these events, and I hope that you and Mary Herrick will have suggestions of teachers to be invited. One or both of you may wish to consider the Fisk Institute along with someone from the South.

Best personal wishes.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

May 1, 1957

UAW-CIO Fair Practices and
Anti-Discrimination Department
8000 E. Jefferson Avenue
Detroit 14, Michigan

Gentlemen:

Please forward a single copy of your pamphlet, HANDBOOK FOR LOCAL UNION FAIR PRACTICE COMMITTEES, to me in care of the above address. I am unable to determine whether or not there is a charge for this publication. If there is, please bill me.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

May 1, 1957

UAW Education Department
8000 E. Jefferson Avenue
Detroit 14, Michigan

Gentlemen:

Please forward one (1) copy of the special double issue of Ammunition devoted to "Building the Union" to me in care of the above address. I am enclosing .25¢ in stamps in payment for this publication.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

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Enclosure

May 1, 1957

AFL-CIO Education Department
815 - 16th Street, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Please send me one (1) copy of each of the following new AFL-CIO pamphlets:

1. AFL-CIO CODES OF ETHICAL PRACTICES (AFL-CIO Publication No. 50)
2. FACTS VS. PROPAGANDA - THE TRUTH ABOUT "RIGHT TO WORK" LAWS.

Forward these free pamphlets to me in care of the address given above. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

May 1, 1957

Mr. Emanuel Maravchik
National Field Director
Jewish Labor Committee
25 East 78th Street
New York 21, New York

Dear Manny:

Thanks for letting me know about the questionnaires from Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas. I would like to see them very much and would appreciate your sending me copies when you get a chance.

Trust all goes well with you. We stay busy but never get done all that we would like.

Best personal wishes.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

May 1, 1957

Mr. Jacob Seidenberg
Executive Director
The President's Committee on Government Contracts
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Seidenberg:

Would you please send me twenty-five copies each of the "Youth Training-Incentives Conferences Proceedings," and the shorter version of the Conference, "Development of Training Incentives for the Youth of Minority Groups."

It is my understanding from your April Newsletter that these two documents are to be made available to groups such as ours free of charge in limited quantities.

Thanks for giving this matter your attention.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E. ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA
JAckson 2-8764

HAROLD C. FLEMING
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

May 1, 1957

MEMORANDUM

TO: All State Directors

FROM: Frederick B. Routh, Assistant Director

Edward R. Murrow and Fred Friendly will present "The Puerto Ricans - Americans on the Move" on SEE IT NOW this Sunday, May 5th, on CBS-TV (5:00 - 6:00 Eastern Daylight time).

This should be good coverage of a vexing problem. SEE IT NOW has earned a reputation for doing outstanding work in film documentaries.

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May 1, 1957

Mr. Will D. Campbell
Associate Executive
Department of Racial and
Cultural Relations
National Council of the Churches
of Christ in the U.S.A.
1716 West End Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Will:

Enclosed you will find two copies of the revised Directory of Organisations and Personnel Engaged in Human Relations Activities in the South. We had not planned to send this directory to the denominational leaders, though we think it an excellent idea.

Therefore, if you wish, we can supply the 100 copies mentioned in your letter of April 1st. The cost would be, I think, about $2.50 plus postage. We have the 100 copies available and will ship them to you on receipt of your request.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/eab
Encls. - 2

May 1, 1957

Mr. Don J. Hager
Director
American Jewish Congress
Commission on Community Interrelations
15 East 84th Street
New York 28, New York

Dear Mr. Hager:

Revisions have now been made in the Directory of Organizations and Personnel Engaged in Human Relations Activities in the South. Therefore, under separate cover, we are sending you four copies of the directory as requested in your letter of April 3rd.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/eab

May 1, 1957

Mr. B. Tartt Bell
Executive Secretary
American Friends Service Committee
1818 South Main St.
High Point, North Carolina

Dear Tartt:

Under separate cover we are sending six copies of the Directory of Organizations and Personnel Engaged in Human Relations Activities in the South. You will note the addition of Mayes Behrman, as suggested in your letter of the 5th.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/eab

May 1, 1957

Mr. Alan Reitman
Assistant Director
American Civil Liberties Union
170 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Reitman:

Under separate cover we are sending you five copies of the Directory of Organisations and Personnel Engaged in Human Relations Activities in the South. You will note the corrections and additions as suggested by your letter of April 8th.

The three ACLU affiliates in the South are being sent copies of the directory.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/eab

May 1, 1957

Mrs. George Martin
629 South Grand Avenue
Pasadena, California

Dear Pat:

It was good to talk by telephone with George last week when I was in New York. Since I got back, I have been trying hard to figure out some way to get you down here with him later in the month. Unfortunately, we just can't manage it. Thus turns the vicious circle.

Maybe we will be able to work it out later on. After all, you could always leave George behind for once. Meanwhile, I would welcome your reaction to the latest batch of stuff we have sent. Please write me quite candidly where this leaves you and what further interpretation and information you need. Then perhaps by judicious use of the mails and telephone, we can close the worst of the gaps.

Tell George I am looking forward to seeing him on May 18th, if not before.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

May 1, 1957

Mrs. Dorothy Sterling
Kirby Lane North
Rye, New York

Dear Mrs. Sterling:

It was very thoughtful of you to write me about the trip which you and Mr. Ehrenberg have just completed. It is very satisfying to know that the suggestions which I made to Mr. Ehrenberg and Mr. Gross turned out helpful to you.

I am sure the book will be a sensitive and useful treatment. It is terribly easy for people to forget that those who will be most affected by the reaction to the Supreme Court's school decision are the children in the South. I shall look forward with interest to seeing your book when it is published.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

May 1, 1957

Mrs. G. T. Hamilton
Executive Director
The Atlanta Urban League
239 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Grace:

Thank you for your letter of April 24th inviting me to become an Associate Member of the Board of the Atlanta Urban League.

I needn't tell you how highly I regard the work that the League is doing, and I shall be glad to make whatever contribution I can as an Associate Member.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

May 1, 1957

Mr. Jim Dugan
Business Manager
Indiana Methodist Student Movement
Gobin Memorial Methodist Church
Greencastle, Indiana

Dear Mr. Dugan:

Thank you for your very nice note of April 25th and your check for the materials which we supplied.

We were more than glad to have played some small part in welcoming your group to Atlanta and adding our interpretation of the South's problems to that of others.

Do call on us any time that we can be of help to you.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

May 1, 1957

Mr. Henry Christman
Fund for the Republic, Inc.
60 East Forty-Second Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Christman:

I am sorry we failed to make connections last Friday, but perhaps we will have better luck the next time I am in New York.

I am asking our Director of Information to send you some material bearing on the economic factors we discussed. If this seems to you to have story possibilities and we can help further, don't hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

May 1, 1957

MEMORANDUM

TO: JC

FROM: HCF

When I was in New York I talked with a guy named Henry Christman, who writes on civil liberties and civil rights questions for the Fund for the Republic. He places his articles in various magazines.

He showed a great deal of interest in the question of economic factors that may ultimately be important in facilitating desegregation. I promised to send what we have along these lines. Would you and Florence get up copies of the appropriate things -- New South, the Birmingham story and editorial, the Orangeburg business, etc? Also enclose a few descriptive items on the SRC.

/eab

May 1, 1957

Rabbi Charles Mantinband
808 Mamie Street
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Dear Rabbi Mantinband:

Thanks for your recent note, which arrived while I was out beating the bushes for funds.

We have had no word as yet of any decisions reached at last Wednesday's meeting of the Mississippi Council's Board. I do hope that it was a fruitful occasion and that the group did not feel completely discouraged, though I know how hard it must be to feel any other way.

I would greatly value your advice on how the Southern Regional Council can be most helpful to those people in Mississippi who share our values. We feel most keenly that we can't simply write off the state but must, within the limits of our ability and resources, try to make some contribution there.

How I would welcome a chance to sit down and discuss these problems with you. Unfortunately, I am practically immobilized by administrative and fund-raising duties. If you see any possibility of a trip to Atlanta at any time, do let me know so that we can arrange to get together.

Warmest regards to you and Mrs. Mantinband.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

May 1, 1957

Mr. F. D. Patterson
Dr. Guy B. Johnson
Co-Chairmen
Consultation Committee
Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Dr. Patterson and Dr. Johnson:

I am complimented by your invitation to take part in a two-day consultation on race relations which the Phelps-Stokes Fund is planning for June 22nd and 23rd. I am reserving those dates and will look forward to seeing you then.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

May 1, 1957

Dr. A. W. Dent
President
Dillard University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Al:

We greatly appreciate your generous contribution to the operating expenses of the Southern Regional Council. Such evidence of support by one of our most valued Board members is most important to us.

The Executive Committee meeting went very well, though we sorely missed you. You will be receiving the minutes and financial reports soon. The Committee approved the request to the Fund for the Republic substantially as drafted, and it will be acted on by the Fund on May 15th. Let us hope!

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encl. -SRC Official Receipt $100

May 1, 1957

Dr. Ralph R. Shrader
Missions Council of the
Congregational Christian Churches
44 Beacon Street
Boston 8, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Shrader:

It was a pleasure meeting with you and your group during your recent visit to Atlanta. I trust the remainder of your trip is being made without incident - especially bus breakdowns!

As promised, I am sending you a collection of material concerning the Council. The materials published or distributed by the Council will give you a good idea of our interests and the way in which we attempt to work. If, by chance, you are interested in making use of any of the materials they are available at or near cost.

The interest of your group and your office should do much to show those of the South whom you contacted the national interest and aspects of our so-called "Southern" racial problem. For that reason those of us in the region interested in a more equitable (and Christian) society are grateful for visits such as yours and trust there will be more of them.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/hs

May 1, 1957

New York Herald Tribune
230 West 41st Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Sirs:

Please send us one copy each of the editions in which are contained the "Ku Klux Klan" series by Bob Bird of your staff.

Bill us for same and thank you.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:cj

May 1, 1957

Mr. Don Shoemaker, Exec. Director,
Southern Educational Reporting Service
P. O. Box 6156 Acklen Station
1109 Nineteenth Avenue, South
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Shoemaker:

Please continue our ten (10) subscriptions to Southern School News.

Address the bill to:

Mrs. Ruth House Alexander,
Secretary-Treasurer,
Southern Regional Council
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, NE
Atlanta, Georgia

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:cj

May 1, 1957

Mr. and Mrs. Robin Harper
4317 Garfield Lane
Trevose, Pennsylvania

Dear Robin and Marlies:

Thanks for the Harper's newsletter and the material on Concord Park Homes. I am sending you a packet of materials related to Koinonia which I want you to share with Bob and Margaret Swann. I have not exercised enough initiative to get their address. Their visit early this year was instrumental in getting SRC more fully involved in the Sumter County situation. Though it is outside my alleged field of work, I've perhaps been the agency-type person closest to the whole situation. We have done a great deal of work in briefing the press and consulting with other organizations who were interested in what was happening. Much more could be said, but we'll let it rest here.

Margaret is showing good improvement; recently walked with aid of crutches and braces - the four point gait, they call it.

Best wishes to all of you and my sincerest regards to the Swanns and appreciation for their concern.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

May 1, 1957

Mr. Jacob Schlitt
Field Representative
Jewish Labor Committee
Atran Center for Jewish Culture
25 East 78th Street
New York 21, New York

Dear Mr. Schlitt:

Under separate cover we are sending you six copies of the directory of Organisations and Personnel Engaged in Human Relations Activities in the South. You will note this directory contains several corrections and revisions.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/eab

May 1, 1957

Miss Florence C. Harris
Correlator
Southern Region
Young Women's Christian Association
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Miss Harris:

Enclosed you will find two copies of the Directory of Organizations and Personnel Engaged in Human Relations Activities in the South. The suggestions in your letter of April 23rd have been incorporated in this directory.

A limited number of additional copies are available on request. In quantity, the reports may be had at cost.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/eab
Encls - 2

May 1, 1957

Mr. M. Moran Weston
Executive Secretary
The National Council
Protestant Episcopal Church
281 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Weston:

Enclosed you will find two copies of the Directory of Organisations and Personnel Engaged in Human Relations Activities in the South. A copy is also being sent to Mr. Tarplee in Lynchburg. You will note the corrections made according to your suggestions of April 12th.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/eab
Encls. - 2

May 1, 1957

Mrs. Dudley Moore
Director, Community Services
Unitarian Service Committee, Inc.
Nine Park Street
Boston 8, Massachusetts

Dear Mrs. Moore:

Enclosed you will find two copies of the Directory of Organizations and Personnel Engaged in Human Relations Activities in the South. We have made revisions as suggested by you in your letter of the 15th. In addition we have included the office address of Galen Martin.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

Mr. Robert E. Hughes
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Room 1218 Comer Building
Birmingham 3, Alabama

Will meet you Exchange Hotel 10 - 10:30.

Fred Routh

May 2, 1957

Mrs. Marie K. Driggs
Executive Secretary
New York Fund for Children
100 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mrs. Driggs:

Thank you for your letter of April 26th requesting further information about the balance to be raised from new sources shown on our 1957 budget.

Perhaps it would be helpful if I clarified the meaning of the various income figures. "Income Forecast" indicates funds already realized in 1957, pledged, or requested with reasonable likelihood of success. Of the total contributions forecast ($83,641.44), we have already realized or have pledged to us all but $24,220. This latter figure represents mainly our request now pending before the Fund for the Republic. We are asking the Fund for a thirty-nine month grant, effective October 1, 1957, and the unrealized sum forecast indicates the pro rata share for October through December.

The balance to be raised from new sources ($40,461.69) means the amount that is not as yet specifically in prospect. Since this budget was prepared several weeks ago, we have increased our office-related income by $2,000 and have submitted a request for new funds from a labor source amounting to $3,000. If the latter request is successful, we will have reduced the balance to $35,461. We have no further requests before new sources at the present time, except for the New York Fund for Children. We, of course, are exploring other prospective contributors, foundations and individuals, who have shown some interest in this field. Also, one of our most devoted and able Board members, Miss Josephine Wilkins, has volunteered to put in two full months of effort on fund-raising for the Council.

From her efforts and those of other Board and staff members, we hope to close the gap between our projected expenditures and projected income for the remainder of 1957. For an organization based in the South, this is a sizeable fund-raising task, though we hope that the importance of the work will make it a feasible one. Naturally, favorable action on our request to the New York

Fund for Children would be of vital assistance to us in meeting this demand.

Since our request to you is for a three-year period, I thought you might like to see the projected budgets, enclosed, for the next three years which were prepared in support of our request to the Fund for the Republic. The amount we are asking the Fund for the Republic to contribute is shown on each annual budget, as is the remainder which must be raised from other sources. Of course, we have no assurance that the Fund for the Republic will approve these amounts.

If I can supply further information of any kind that will assist the consideration of our request, do let me know.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encls.

May 3, 1957

Mrs. J. W. Robinson
240 Wiemer Street
Bamberg, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Robinson:

I have received a letter from your Conference's Board of Education as well as one from you and I will be with you at Camden, June 24-29 to teach the Course, "The Social Witness of the Church in the Ecumenical Movement." Also, I will be happy to take charge of your Workshop.

Looking forward to being with you, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly,
Director of Women's Work

MET:cj

May 3, 1957

Miss Helen E. Amerman,
Assistant Director,
Council for Civic Unity of San Francisco
437 Market Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Miss Amerman:

In answer to your letter of April 23, 1957, we are sending you copies of some of the materials we have done on "press handling" of racial aspects.

We hope this will be helpful to you and we would appreciate a copy of your final findings.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:cj

enclosures:

May 3, 1957

Mrs. W. Thorpe Miles
275 Riverside Parkway
Ft. Thomas, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Miles:

While it has been days since I was in Ft. Thomas, I certainly had not forgotten your graciousness to me. You certainly went the second mile and more when you got up so early on my last morning and took me to the train.

I think often of "brother" and the family you have adopted. It was so like you and I was not surprised, but I did appreciate hearing the stories about the adventure.

I hope I will see you at London, Kentucky this Summer and I am glad the ceiling is fixed and we will all be safe this Summer.

It is wonderful to have you for a friend--a friend who does so much for me.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly,
Director of Women's Work

MET:cj

May 3, 1957

Mrs. E. D. Willis
430 E. State Street
Murfreesboro, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Willis:

I, too, am looking forward to being with you for your School of Missions. The delay in answering your letter of May 23rd is due to many things. I am wiring you today, hoping you will get it in time for your Program Committee meeting May 4th.

Is there any reason why I could not stay out at the University with all of you? I think we would all do better work if this were possible. You know better the rules and regulations than I do so I leave this up to you to decide.

With best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly,
Director of Women's Work

MET:cj

May 5, 1957

Miss Thelma Stevens
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Thelma,

I am to lead the Workshop on, "Techniques of Group Discussion and Action on Current Events or Issues."

If you have anything special on this that you can send me, I would appreciate it.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly,
Director of Women's Work

MET:cj

May 5, 1957

Mr. Don Shoemaker, Exec. Director,
Southern Education Repoting Service
P. O. Box 6156 Acklen Station
1109 Nineteenth Avenue, South
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Shoemaker:

Our May bundle of Southern School News came today but contained only five (5) of our ten (10) subscriptions.

We would appreciate receiving the additional five (5).

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:cj

May 6, 1957

Mrs. W. Thorpe Miles
275 Riverside Parkway
Ft. Thomas, Kentucky

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Mrs. M. E. Tilly,
Director of Women's Work

MET:cj

May 6, 1957
(Dictated May 2, 1957)

Mr. Milton C. Vigo
Louisiana Council on Human Relations
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

Regarding the state staff conference, your room accommodations will be taken care of at Atlanta University.

As the original memorandum said, your expenses will be taken care of by SRC.

I look forward to seeing you at the conference.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm
Dictated but not read by Mr. Routh
Signed in his absence.

May 6, 1957

Mr. Bill Williams
Florida Council on Human Relations
213 N. E. Second Avenue
Miami, Florida

Dear Bill:

Thanks for the editorial from the Mt. Dora Topic. I am returning it herewith. We have made a copy.

Best regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm
Enclosure

May 6, 1957
(Dictated May 2, 1957)

Mr. Thomas McPherson, Jr.
President, Human Relations Club
Morris Brown College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. McPherson:

Thanks for your note of April 30th postponing the engagement of May 14 to some date in the Fall. I will be glad to cooperate in every way possible.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

May 6, 1957

Mr. Alexander Brooks
Field Director
Encampment for Citizenship
2 West 64th Street
New York 23, New York

Dear Alex:

I have received the copies of the letters you sent to William V. Guy, at Morehouse College, and to Walter Wallace, at Spelman College. Thank you for keeping me abreast of developments with the Encampment. I had a very pleasant conference with Walter Wallace the other night when I was speaking to a professional sociology group, and he is quite excited about the possibilities of finding adequate candidates for the Encampment this summer.

I was over in Alabama this past weekend, working with our Director there, Bob Hughes, and we attended together an ecumenical student conference held at Talladega College. There were some thirty students there from across the state, both white and Negro, and we explained to them in some detail the Encampment for Citizenship and passed out application blanks and the little information sheets that you had provided us with. I believe you will be receiving some applications from people who attended this conference, for there was noticeable excitement about the Encampment there.

Things go well with us here at the Council generally. We are having a meeting of all our state staff in late May, and at that time I will press with all of them for further activities on behalf of the Encampment for Citizenship.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

May 6, 1957

Mr. Thomas Augustine, Director
Industrial Relations
Akron Community Service Center, Inc.
250 East Market Street
Akron 8, Ohio

Dear Mr. Augustine:

We have received your letter of inquiry about Mr. Howard D. Roberts, of Daytona Beach, Florida, who has applied for the position of Industrial Field Secretary with the Akron Community Service Center, Inc.

It is our belief that Mr. Roberts would admirably fill this position. He is a well qualified and experienced professional in the field of human relations. He has been the Associate Director of our affiliate, the Florida Council on Human Relations, for the past two years. During this period, he has demonstrated his ability in the delicate field of human relations in the South by closely working with integrated groups in a score of Southern cities, by helping direct research to determine the status of local intergroup relations, and by representing the Florida Council before many lay and professional groups.

My responsibility has been of a supervisory nature with our state staff and Mr. Roberts has always demonstrated a cooperative, open-minded, constructive approach to our discussions. It is, therefore, without hesitation that I recommend him for this opening with your agency.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

May 6, 1957
(Dictated May 2, 1957)

Dr. Melvin J. Williams, Head
Department of Sociology
Stetson University
DeLand, Florida

Dear Dr. Williams:

Thank you for your letter informing us of the availability of Miss Arlene Maguire for this summer.

We have no openings at SRC at this time, but I have taken the liberty of passing her name on to the secretary of the National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials.

It would be a wonderful experience for Miss Maguire if she could attend the Fisk Institute on Race Relations this summer. Inquiries should be directed to Dr. Herman Long, Director, Institute on Race Relations, Fisk University. I shall be in correspondence with you again if we hear of any leads. Please feel free to call on us.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

May 7, 1957
(Dictated May 6, 1957)

Dr. W. J. Kilgore
Professor of Philosophy
Baylor University
Waco, Texas

Dear Jack:

Thanks for your letter of May 3 and, believe me, it was good to see you at San Antonio. I only wish that all Board Members were as Twentieth Century minded as you. I believe that some progress was made at that meeting in laying the foundation for more effective work by the Texas Council.

I note that you are going to attend the National Conference on the Middle East and that the meeting will be held in Dallas on May 16-17-18. You ask for some pamphlets or material which will set forth briefly the history, aims, and the organizational structure of the Southern Regional Council, and I will forward these to you under separate cover. I sincerely hope that it will be possible for you to involve some new key people in the work of the Texas Council.

Jack, I hope it will be possible for me to correspond with you from time to time on a confidential basis to get your evaluation of how things are going there and what more we can do here in the Central Office to help. I certainly hope it will be possible for the new Board Members who are elected at the San Antonio meeting to serve on the Executive Board of the Texas Council. That Board has needed new blood for a long time, and without new blood, I feel, will continue to go its way, which is less than satisfactory, but with new blood I believe good things can come out of the Texas Council. Certainly it is true that Texas is a state in transition, and certainly it is also true that there is need for an organization such as the Texas Council, which can assist this transition and direct it into more democratic paths.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

May 7, 1957

The Religious Weekly
297 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Sirs:

Please add our Organization to your mailing list to receive the Religious Newsweekly.

Thank you very kindly.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:cj

May 7, 1957

Mr. Al Ramrus
c/o The Mike Wallace Show
American Broadcasting Company
7 West 66th Street
New York 23, New York

Dear Al:

Thanks for your letter and the returned material which arrived today.

It is our opinion that the Edwards show was extremely well handled. From what we are able to determine, the show was received with much interest and approval in this area. Certainly Edwards was not helped, especially in his "Christ, No!" response and his somewhat confused reliance on Scripture. The statements from local ministers were good and used effectively. In short, we are happy and think the region is.

We stand ready to be of any possible assistance. Perhaps next time you can give us a little advance warning and we can do more thorough spadework.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/hs

May 7, 1957

Mrs. Delbert H. Taylor
Emory University, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Taylor:

Mr. Fleming has asked that I write you in reference to your recent request for employment.

We regret to inform you that we are unable to consider your application since the position has been filled by a young lady who has worked with us for some time.

The young lady, a theology student at Emory, has worked with us on both a full-time and part-time basis and, of course, held seniority when she requested an opportunity to be with us for the summer.

We trust you will have no difficulty in finding employment and that you will call on us if we can be of any possible service.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/hs

May 7, 1957

Mr. Nat Griswold
and
Mr. Christopher Mercer
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
211 Izard Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat and Chris:

I enjoyed my brief visit with you last week. Many thanks for your courtesies and hospitality.

Enclosed is a copy of the rundown on the Rockefeller Brothers Fund. I am looking forward to hearing the results of your approaches out there.

Please convey my regards to Mr. Cartwright, Mr. Walker, and the others who joined us at lunch.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encl.

May 7, 1957

Mr. B. R. Brazeal
Dean
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dean Brazeal:

Thanks for your good letter and the welcome news that you have written Mr. Randolph with respect to our request pending before the AFL-CIO. His support will mean a great deal, and of course if the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters can also make a contribution we will be doubly strengthened.

With appreciation and best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

May 7, 1957

Mr. Vernon A. Eagle
Executive Director
The New World Foundation
120 South LaSalle Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Vernon:

We were planning to send you soon an informal interim report on the consultant program, so your request is well-timed. You will be hearing from me in a few days.

I am sorry I wasn't able to make the AVC meeting. Bob Thompson reported that it was one of the best in recent years and mentioned that he had had a chance to chat briefly with you.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

May 7, 1957

Mr. George M. Martin, Jr.
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
Newsfilm Project
1213 North Highland Avenue
Los Angeles 38, California

Dear George:

Thanks for sending me a copy of your letter setting up the date for the Atlanta screening of "Segregation and the South."

I have got the 18th circled on my calendar, and will expect to be with you then unless I hear otherwise.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

May 7, 1957

Mr. Milton C. Vigo
Executive Director
Louisiana Council on Human Relations
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

Thanks for your letter of May 3rd, reporting that the Louisiana Council has raised a total of $1506.14 during March and April. This sounds most promising, and I will look forward to the report on program activities which you mentioned.

I trust I will be seeing you at the state staff conference on the 21st.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

receipt mailed to Miss Frayser 5/7/57
EAB

May 7, 1957

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

Thanks for your letter of April 29th forwarding the check and letter from Miss Mary Frayser. We are sending her an official receipt. I take it from your notation on her letter that this is all that you wish us to do and that a reply to her letter, if any, has been sent by you. If this is incorrect, please advise me.

We have learned informally that the staff and officers of the Fund for the Republic have recommended to their Board that the Council receive a terminal grant of $200,000. Although this represents a twenty per cent cut of the figure we requested, the recommendation is that it be paid in a lump sum rather than spread over a three-year period; thus it would be possible to earn several thousand dollars of interest on unexpended balances over the period. Moreover, since grants totaling only $492,000 have been recommended, I suppose we should consider ourselves fortunate to have so large a portion of the total recommended for us.

I have already approached Mr. Clement about your proposal of a joint statement on the founding of the Council by the surviving incorporators. He is willing to initiate such a statement. As soon as we can get it drafted, he will undertake to acquire the signatures of Bishop Moore and Ralph McGill.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

May 7, 1957

Mr. John C. Melchor
Delta Burial Corporation
220 Fifth Street
Clarksdale, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Melchor:

Thank you for your letter of May 3rd. We are pleased at your interest in the Council.

The Southern Regional Council does not have a general membership although in many states we do have a Council on Human Relations with local membership. This is not the case in Mississippi. Our former state affiliate there is the Mississippi State Council on Human Relations. We have no official connection with the group, though I am sure they would welcome and appreciate your support. You may contact them c/o of Mrs. Ruby Lyells, Secretary-Treasurer, P.O.Box 9096, Jackson, Mississippi.

Under separate cover we are sending you several issues of our monthly magazine, NEW SOUTH. We would be happy to have you become a subscriber. In addition we will, on request, send you any specific information on the Council and its programs which might be of value.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/hs

May 7, 1957

Mrs. A. C. Deavours
3925 Sheldon Drive, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Deavours:

Mrs. Fred Patterson requested that we send you several items regarding Koinonia Farm in Sumter County. We are sending you the following items under separate cover:

"Full Text of Sumter County Grand Jury Presentments on Koinonia"

"Statement of Koinonia Farm in Response to Sumter County Grand Jury Presentments"

"Dare They Witness? The Story of Koinonia Farms."

Reprints of editorials from the Atlanta Constitution and the Macon News

"28 Pastors Ask: End Violence at Koinonia."

I trust that these materials will be of use to you.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via

EFV:mm

May 7, 1957

Mrs. Arthur Burdett
2485 Alton Road, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

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May 8, 1957

VIA AIR MAIL

Mr. Hugh A. Brimm
2801 Lexington Road
Louisville 6, Kentucky

Dear Hugh:

We would be very pleased to have Miss Verbenna Scott attend the staff conference for the Kentucky Council. We deeply regret that it is not possible for you to attend.

We have not had a financial report from the Kentucky Council since December and consider this to be a serious lapse. Could you please straighten this situation out for us?

C. H. has talked about getting me up to Louisville sometime early this summer. If it pans out, we'll get together for a good long bull session.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

cc: Miss Verbenna Scott

May 8, 1957

VIA AIR MAIL

Dr. Robert G. Stephens, Director
Workshop in Intergroup Relations
Indiana University
Bloomington, Indiana

Dear Dr. Stephens:

Harold Fleming has told me that you called and would like to have me come to the University of Indiana's Workshop in Intergroup Relations. I note that the day for my appearance is Wednesday, July 17, and the time is 7:00 P.M. The topic of my speech will be "The South Has a Rendezvous With Democracy."

As to biographical data: I am a Floridian of Virginia background; did my AB and MA at the University of Miami in Florida and my doctoral work at the Center for Human Relations Studies, New York University. I have taught human relations, intergroup relations, and intercultural relations (depending on where I was teaching) at the University of Miami, in the summer at New York University, the University of Michigan, the Sorbonne, the University of Heidelberg, and the University of London. During World War II, I was in Naval Air Intelligence.

I trust this is sufficient information at this time. If you would like anything further, please let me know. I would appreciate, upon its completion, a copy of the little brochure you all put out, several previous copies of which you sent in your previous letter.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

May 8, 1957

Mr. Robert E. Hughes
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Room 1218 Comer Building
Birmingham 3, Alabama

Dear Bob:

I have marked Saturday, June 1, on my calendar in this fashion, "Montgomery, Alabama, for semi-annual Board Meeting." Please send me the details when you decide as to place and time.

We have discovered the unpleasant fact that the Alabama Council has not been sending in financial reports as required by SRC. I knew that your narrative reports did not come in regularly. I had no idea that the financial reports were not coming. We consider this a very serious lapse on the part of the Alabama Council. I suggest you remedy this situation at once.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

May 8, 1957

Mr. Will D. Campbell
Associate Executive
National Council of Churches
1716 West End Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Will:

Under separate cover we are sending 100 copies of the Directory of Organizations and Personnell Engaged in Human Relations Activities in the South. Enclosed is a bill to cover cost and postage.

Again our thanks for getting this directory to denominational leaders.

Warmest regards.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/hs
Encl

May 8, 1957

Miss Margie Kizziah
Alabama Council on Human Relations, Inc.
Rm. 1218 Comer Bldg.
Birmingham 3, Alabama

Dear Miss Kizziah:

We are sorry that some of the people contained on your NEW SOUTH subscriptions list have not received copies as yet. However, you may remember that this list was extremely long and covered a great deal of time and so it has taken a little time to get all of our files up to date.

These subscribers will receive an April Issue at the same time the May Issue is mailed.

With best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:ek

May 8, 1957

Mr. Andre Fontaine
Roving Editor
Redbook Magazine
230 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Fontaine:

Our staff has been on the alert for a Southern convert who might be a suitable subject for the Redbook article you and I discussed. We have found one possibility in the person of a Mrs. Albright, a very honest and courageous person who has come to see race in a different light and would like to make a positive contribution to public understanding. She prepared the enclosed rough account of her experiences at our request. Don't be frightened by the caption on it. It's not intended to be anything more than a rough prospectus of what might be done in article form, either in the first person or the third person. Of course she would want the opportunity to review the final text of the article.

I realize that Redbook pretty much limits its subjects to people under thirty-five, and she is older than this by an undetermined but not excessive number of years. But bear in mind that she is a "find," in the sense that not many Southerners with a comparable story would be willing to tell it in a national publication. There could be unpleasant consequences for her and her family, but she has faced that risk frankly and is willing to take it.

I look forward to your reaction.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encls.

May 8, 1957

Mr. Edwin G. Kloppe
Texas Commission on Race Relations
504 West Twenty-Fourth Street
Austin, Texas

Dear Ed:

It was good to be with you in San Antonio and I think considerable good could come out of that meeting. The new blood on the Board I hope will give new life to the organization.

Ed, it has just been brought to my attention that we have received no monthly financial report from the Texas Council since October. Harold and I consider this a serious lapse on the part of the Texas Council and I suggest you remedy the situation promptly.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

May 8, 1957

Mr. Ben Segal
Trade Union Consultant
Fund for the Republic
1820 Jefferson Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ben:

The information on the Junaluska ~~L~~l abor and ~~R~~r eligion c ~~C~~onference seems to be that a conference has been called by the Southeast Jurisdiction of the Methodist Church. This is a labor-management-churdh conference, the aim of which is to promote better relations between labor and management. There has been some indication to the union persons involved in this program that an attempt was being made to get ministers in the South to stop preaching anti-union sermons.

Ray Nixon, of the Rubber Workers, whose home is in Charlotte, N.C., was one of the prime movers from the union point of view when he was approached by some churchmen there. Lorne Nelles and Tom Starling are both active in promoting this program. I understand that Al Whitehouse is one of the speakers as well as Frank Graham and a vice-president in charge of industrial relations from Inland Steel.

The conference will run from the evening of June 21 through noon of June 23 and will be held at Lake Junaluska. The union persons involved are hoping to get a minimum of 100 union members to attend. The conference planners are evidentally looking toward a group of some 400 persons.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

May 8, 1957

Mr. Otto Prag~~e~~an
Research and Education Department
International Chemical Workers Union, AFL-CIO
1659 West Market Street
Akron, 13, Ohio

Dear Otto:

Thanks for sending the instructions and schedule for the summer school to be held at Lake Junaluska. As of now, I plan to be there by registration time on Sunday, May 19th. I will spend the whole day of Wednesday, May 22, in Atlanta, but will be back at Junaluska late that evening. I will be able to stay through noon on Saturday, if there is any reason for doing so.

Copies of the International's constitution and by-laws, a typical contract, and a copy of a local union's constitution and by-laws would be most helpful for me to have in advance. Any other available material on the structure of the International and any recommended structures for local unions would also be appreciated. I plan to bring a fair amount of material with me, but will discuss the various pieces with you before it is distributed.

I plan to drive to Lake Junaluska, since plane connections to Asheville are not adequate for me to make my Wednesday trip to Atlanta and back, except by going over to Greenville, S.C.

I look forward to working with you on this school. It would be a great help to get the above materials as soon as possible, as well as any others that you might choose to send along.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

May 9, 1967

Mr. Kenneth W. Robinson
Director, Region 1-D, UAW
215 Sheldon Avenue, S.E.
Grand Rapids 3, Michigan

Dear Ken:

Thank you for your letter of May 4 with the enclosed schedule for your Summer School. The Friday afternoon, June 21st, date is fine with me and I have entered it on my calendar. I will be there on schedule and will plan to have lunch with the gang before the session. This time I will remember to leave my coat and tie in the car.

No need to say that I surely hope it will be possible for you to be there during the session. Thanks for offering to take care of my expenses, for our travel budget is rather sadly depleted.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

May 9, 1957

Mrs. Charles Williams
Booker T. Washington High School
Miami, Florida

Dear Mayme:

I have just come across an article about and a picture of a good friend of mine on page 9 of the May issue of Better Schools. The heading on the article reads "Negro PTA Group Works Toward Own Dissolution." The picture is labeled "Mrs. Williams."

I think the goal of eventually merging the NCCPT with the National Congress of Parents and Teachers is a good one, but I would caution you against too rapid dissolution of state chapters in the deep South. Until the regular PTA has a practice of "open occupancy" for the seats in its circle, there is a real need for the NCCPT.

Warm regards to all my friends, but best to you.

Always,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

May 9, 1957

Mr. John Hope II
1808 Morena Street
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear John:

I think it would be helpful if you would prepare a memorandum for distribution to our state staff when they come together May 21-22. The purpose of the memo would be to put down in writing our ideas of the expanded consultant program. It could detail some of the possible uses of consultants in this new phase of program development. It could also contain the types of opportunities we particularly seek.

Nothing too elaborate. Certainly no longer than Myrdal's *An American Dilemma*.

Best regards.

Your buddy,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

May 9, 1957

Mr. Julius Schatz, Director
Community Service Bureau
Women's Division, American Jewish Congress
Stephen Wise Congress House
15 East 84th Street
New York 28, New York

Dear Mr. Schatz:

It was a real pleasure to be with the ladies of the Women's Division of the American Jewish Congress at their annual meeting. They certainly constitute a progressive force for good. They were a stimulating audience and I fully enjoyed my part in the conference.

Enclosed is a copy of the expenses which I incurred in making this trip. I'm not sure you are the person in the Congress who should receive them, but if not, please pass them on to the proper person.

With kind regards,

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm
Enclosures

May 10, 1957

Mr. William H. Oliver
Co-Director, Fair Practices and Anti-Discrimination Dept.
UAW
8000 East Jefferson Avenue
Detroit 14, Michigan

Dear Bill:

Thanks for your letter of May 3rd, asking about our follow-up plans to the March conference on Southern unions and race relations. Since Ben had sent me a copy of his own early answer to you, I did not write you right away.

As Ben indicated, he will be in touch with some of the national people in Washington, and looks forward to seeing you on your May 16 trip there. I will be meeting with several of the Southern people on our informal steering committee next week. You already have some information on our proposal for the Fisk Race Relations Institute, and I will soon be sending you more. Besides this effort, I am hoping to set up some sub-regional meetings of small groups of staff people. You could be most helpful in securing some UAW participants for these meetings when they come off, and I will keep you informed as to dates and places.

Your continued interest, cooperation, and prodding in the things that we are attempting to do are most appreciated.

Best personal wishes.

Fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

May 10, 1957

Mr. Herman Long
Race Relations Department,
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Long:

Under separate cover, we are sending you a packet of materials from the files of the Southern Regional Council. We hope that you might be able to use some of this material in the packets for the upcoming Race Relations Institute.

Some of the material, we can supply free of charge. Free materials include, "Attitudes Toward Desegregation," "The Louisville Story" reprint, and "The Law of the Land."

The remaining materials are publications and/or papers prepared by the Southern Regional Council. The price of the individual pamphlet has been written on the front of each copy. One of the mimeographed reports, "Summary of Recent Segregation Laws," would be brought up to date as of June 15th of this year and so would be quite timely for the Institute.

Please let me know if any of this material interests you.

With best wishes for your Institute.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:cj

separate cover:

May 10, 1957

Mr. Earl Rogers
3488 W. 120th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Rogers:

We are sending you our publications list and several reports dealing with integration in the public schools. *Southern School News*, a monthly periodical, published by the Southern Education Reporting Service, Nashville, Tennessee, carries current information on desegregation. Various issues of this periodical, along with their recent statistical summary, *Status of School Segregation-Desegregation*, should be helpful and are probably available in your library.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving,
Research Assistant

FBI:fc
Encl.

May 10, 1957

Mr. W. D. Carroll
State of Texas
Department of Health
Austin, Texas

Dear Mr. Carroll:

We would like to receive copies of your live birth and death summaries by county and city of residence beginning with the year 1950, which you mentioned in your letter of April 30.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving,
Research Assistant

FBI:fc

May 10, 1957

Mr. David Oliver
1010 Huntington
Jonesboro, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Oliver:

We have sent you publications you requested and a copy of Integration North and South. The latter will answer some of your questions regarding desegregation, and the enclosed newsclip will supplement the transportation section.

You sent us more money than was necessary for the requested publications and, with the balance, we entered your subscription to our monthly publication, New South. We hope that this is satisfactory; if not, please inform us.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving,
Research Assistant

FBI:fc
Encl.

May 10, 1957

Miss Elizabeth B. Herring
Executive Secretary
National Council on Agricultural
Life & Labor
1751 "N" Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Herring:

We are enclosing more information on the soil bank program. We hope that it will be beneficial to you.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving,
Research Assistant

FBI:fc
Encl.

May 10, 1957

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

We have just received, as you must have, the letter from Mr. Rainach stating that the copy of your last letter to him was unsigned. This was a most grievous lapse on our part, and sackcloth and ashes are the order of the day.

I suppose that a letter directly from you assuring Mr. Rainach that you did in fact write the letter and that the omission of the signature and stenographic initials was an oversight, will be the proper remedy.

If you would like it handled in some other way, let us know.

My apologies and good wishes.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

May 10, 1957

Mr. William H. Oliver
Co-Director
Fair Practices and Anti-Discrimination
  Department,
UAW-CIO
8000 East Jefferson Avenue
Detroit 14, Michigan

Dear Bill:

Thanks for your good letter of May 1st, which was awaiting me when I got back to Atlanta this week. I greatly appreciate your willingness to give our request to the AFL-CIO a helping hand. I have written to Boris Shishkin about it, but favorable word from you would be most helpful.

We have been in touch with Ben Segal about next steps following up the Atlanta conference of union leadership. I was glad to learn that you are going to be in Washington and will have an opportunity to discuss this with him. Meanwhile, Emory Via and the rest of us will be pushing things from this end.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

P.S. Your letter to Dr. Emery Morris of the Kellog Foundation was exceedingly well done. This matter has been raised in Georgia without result. I will be most interested to learn what reaction you get from the Foundation.

May 10, 1957

Mr. Ben Segal
Trade Union Consultant
Fund for the Republic
1820 Jefferson Place, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ben:

In talking with John Hope, he indicated that you were already lined up for a Friday presentation to the whole Institute - this would be the first week. For the second week he is proposing a Tuesday morning program, a kind of panel, in which you and I would participate with John in the Chair and he would like to know if it would be a good idea for Paul Christopher to be included in this group. This again would be for the whole Institute, and would run under some such title as Labor in the Southern Situation. It would be a basic session, even getting into such matters as what a union is and what it is not, the union's position in a transitional Southern situation, et cetera.

Would it be better for one of us to extend such an invitation to Paul Christopher, initially, or do you think that John Hope or Herman Long should just go ahead and invite him immediately?

In the mimeographed sheet which I am sending along with our letter to those we would like to have participate in the Institute, I am asking that they return their request for an application form directly to me, so that there will be no confusion as to who the labor participants are. John has agreed to this procedure, and I will notify him immediately as applications come in. I would suggest that you look at the Fisk announcement and especially the form to be returned for an application and mark this form in some way so that it is returned either to you or to me. In any case, even if it should go directly to Fisk, it would be helpful to have it marked in some way so that they would know that it was a labor participant and could inform us as to who the applicant is.

There is some further information on the Lake Junaluska religion and labor conference. It is officially co-sponsored by the Southeast Jurisdiction of the Methodist Church and by the Commission on Social and Economic Relations - the national office of this latter group. Dudley Ward is the top staff person for the commission, at 740 Rush Street, Chicago, 11, Illinois. The Jurisdictional office here in Atlanta feels that most of the labor persons who will attend the conference will be intited by the labor representatives working with them. It is not clear that there will be any wide-spread representation from management itself, although the Jurisdictional office does not seem to know what Ward has done in this regard. I understand that your old friend Hugh Comer will be one of the speakers.

One further thing about the Fisk Institute. I am approximating the cost at $50.00 because we are asking our participants to be there something like 7½ days and because the Institute's fee will be the same whether the participants are there for one or two weeks. John is going to try to clear just how much the cost will be but feels that $50.00 is a fairer figure than the $45.00 which I was originally going to use as the cost figure.

John and Herman Long were wondering if this would be the year to seek once again to have Walter Reuther address the Fisk Institute. He wants our judgment as to whether or not this would be a good thing in terms of our labor participation. He thinks that it would increase the chances of getting Reuther to come down, but he understands that Walter is something of a controversial symbol in the whole matter of desegregation as far as Southern unionists are concerned. I did not give John a definite answer, but said that I would ask your opinion in the matter.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

May 10, 1957

Mr. E. C. Pippin
Alabama Labor Council
Leu Building
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Earl:

It was indeed good to have a chance to talk with you when I was in Montgomery the other day. Enclosed is a copy of our summary of segregation legislation in the Southern states. I hope that you will find this item of use.

Today begins your really busy season, and I can only hope that your task will be as rewarding as I know it will be wearing.

I know that Bob Hughes appreciates your support and whatever participation you are able to give the Alabama Council on Human Relations. As you already know, he is a real good guy and doing a very important job.

In the near future we hope to have two items that I think will be of special interest to you. One of them is a voting study which shows interesting facts about registration and voting patterns in the Southern states. The other is a documentation of the references to unions and the labor movement made in the various publications of the pro-segregation groups.

With best personal wishes,

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

May 10, 1957

Mr. E. D. Nixon
647 Clinton Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Mr. Nixon:

It was good to get a chance to talk with you the other day when I was in Montgomery. I appreciate very much your taking the time to discuss with me some of the matters in which I am particularly interested.

I am sending, under separate cover, our summary of segregation legislation and a pamphlet which we published called, "Next Steps in the South." As yet, the voting study whibh I talked with you about has not been put into final form. When this is ready, I will try to see that you get a copy.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

May 10, 1957

Mr. George Witt
Box 1863, U.P.R. Station
Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico

Dear Mr. Witt:

I am enclosing a statement which briefly summarizes the aims and activities of the Southern Regional Council. Under separate cover I have sent you a more detailed account which, in addition to informing you of the Council, may suggest methods of operating your proposed agency.

Some of the reports compiled by or issued through the Southern Regional Council are also being sent in order that you may see the types of information that is made available.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving,
Research Assistant

FBI:fc
Encl. - statement of SRC

Sent: Organizational chart - Attitudes Toward Deseg.
History SRC
New South
Chronology
Fear & Prejudice
Race & Law Enfc
Greenville
Housing Report
What's Happening
Publications list
Condition of Our Rights
Safety, Security & South

May 10, 1957

Mrs. J. S. Colaw
115 N. Parmwood Lane
Wichita 8, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Colaw:

Thank you for your recent inquiry about the Southern Regional Council. We are sending you a brief history and statement on the Council. If you have additional questions, please write us.

In answer to your other inquires, we are mailing you several publications on school desegregation and a report on pro-segregation groups. You would probably find our monthly publication New South ($2.00 per year), and Southern School News helpful in keeping abreast of desegregation developments. We will be glad to enter subscription to New South if you desire.

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Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving,
Research Assistant

FBI:fc

Sent: College List
Angry South
Attitudes
Louisville
Baltimore
What's Happening
Pro-Segregation Report
Citizen's Council Manual
Sou. School News
History of SRC
Publications List

May 13, 1957

Mr. Henry M. Bullock,
General Secretary,
The Methodist Church,
Editorial Division-Board of Education
810 Broadway,
Nashville 2, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Bullock:

Concerning your inquiry about quotes in New South, all of these can be reprinted without securing reprinting rights either from Southern Regional Council or from the original source. These quotes are always reprinted, usually from newspapers and magazines, but occasionally are picked up from individual pamphlets put out by the organization. Quotes from publications are in public domain as long as persons do not use too much of the material and as long as the original source is indicated.

As to material in New South, other than the unquote section, it may be used without obtaining permission as long as the material is originally published in New South and if the Council is given proper credit.

When reprints are used in New South, we always obtain permission from the ~~author~~ and the original publication; and anyone using this material should go through the same process. In most cases, however, there is little difficulty in receiving this permission, since most of these periodicals are rather free with their material.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:cj

May 13, 1957

Mr. Oscar Cohen
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
515 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Oscar:

Thanks both for the copy of "Segregation and Desegregation" and your letter advising that the field research studies will soon be in print. Tumin's report is exceedingly well done, and though we are not able to order it in quantity, we are advising our state groups and interested persons of its availability.

I am delighted to know that the Fund for the Republic is making it possible for you to distribute free copies of the field studies. We could certainly use some. Your letter gives me no idea of the quantities that might be possible. I can only say that any number up to 500 each would be carefully and effectively used by us.

With best regards as always,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

May 13, 1957

Dr. Rufus E. Clement
President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Clement:

I am late in thanking you for your letter agreeing to initiate the signing of an appropriate statement on the founding of the Council. I expect to furnish you with a draft soon.

The original incorporators of the Council, in addition to yourself, were Bishop Moore, Ralph McGill, Dr. Charles Johnson, and Dr. Howard Odum.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

May 13, 1957

Mrs. Leta MacDonald
The Doris Duke Foundation
41 East Fifty-Seventh Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Mrs. MacDonald:

Thank you for your cordial note informing me that our latest request to the Doris Duke Foundation could not be favorably considered at this time.

We continue to be grateful for the Foundation's past assistance to the work of the Council and hope that some aspect of our program may, in the future, again merit its support.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

May 13, 1957

Miss Katharine Taylor
41 Hawthorne Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Katharine:

I thought you might like to have a copy of the enclosed progress report on the Consultant Service Program. Vernon Eagle requested such an up-dating in preparation for the Foundation's Board meeting on May 21st.

It seems terribly long since we talked last, though it isn't very long when I stop to think about it. Program-wise, the wheels are turning here very satisfactorily. Money-wise, we are still on an up-hill grade, but at least brute survival no longer seems to be the question. Our request to the Fund for the Republic for a further three-year period of assistance will be acted on day after tomorrow. If fortune smiles upon us, we will at least have a base on which to build a decent budget for the decisive period ahead.

I hope all goes well with you and that our paths will cross again soon.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encls.

May 13, 1957

Mr. Charles H. Thompson
Editor
Journal of Negro Education
Bureau of Educational Research
Howard University
Washington 1, D. C.

Dear Mr. Thompson:

Thank you for your letter dated May 6th reminding me of our commitment to contribute an article to the forthcoming Yearbook. I am remiss in not having written you before now to say that Miss Florence B. Irving, our Research Assistant, is the staff member who is preparing the article. (You will recall that, when I originally accepted the assignment, I secured your agreement that the article might be authored by some staff member other than myself.) I note that you now have a printed version of the Table of Contents; I sincerely hope this doesn't mean that it's too late for Miss Irving to be listed as the author of this particular article.

Since receiving your letter, I have checked with Miss Irving and found that she is at work on the assignment. We do have one misunderstanding with respect to your deadline. In your last letter you say "May 15th if possible, and not later than June 1st, if absolutely necessary." In your letter to me dated November 15, 1956, you said "June 1st if possible; and not later than June 15th, if necessary." Miss Irving has been working according to the latter time-table. I an sure she will do everything she can to expedite the writing, but I feel we should prepare you for a submission date possibly somewhat later than the revised deadline.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

May 13, 1957

Mr. Vernon A. Eagle
New World Foundation
120 South LaSalle Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Vernon:

Since the New World Foundation approved the 1957 grant, the Council's Consultant Service Program has been busy. Here is a summary account of activities to date.

1. Consultation with the Bryson City, North Carolina, School Board. When we last reported, this session was in the planning stage. We had been requested by the local school board to make available the counsel of a Kentucky school superintendent who had effectively carried out desegregation. We secured the services of Mr. Noah Turpen of Fayette County, Kentucky, and Mr. Lee Coleman, of the University of Kentucky, who had served as a consultant to the Fayette County School Board on its successful program of desegregation. We feel that there is good reason to believe that this consultation was a significant contribution to Bryson City's prospects for early and orderly desegregation of the schools. Attached is a copy of the letter from John W. Alexander of the American Friends Service Committee, which gives a very encouraging report on the outcome.

2. Jacksonville, Florida Workshop. On April 5th and 6th we supplied a consultant team to a workshop sponsored by the Northeastern Florida Council on Human Relations for lay people in the Jacksonville area. Some sixty community leaders attended, including an assistant superintendent of schools, an owner of the area's largest dairy, a state director of the Baptist student movement, and others of some influence. The attached program shows the nature of the discussion. The results were a plan and a time-table for pushing desegregation of public facilities. Busses, parks, playgrounds, and schools -- roughly in that order -- were considered. In general, we felt that this was an effective use of the consultant program to stimulate specific planning and action by community leadership.

3. Memphis, Tennessee Workshop. A similar opportunity was presented by the Race Relations Conference held at LeMoyne College on April 13th. Approximately 150 people from the Memphis area came together for this session, and at the request of the sponsorship SRC supplied the main consultants. As in the case of Jacksonville, these community leaders developed a set of priorities for the desegregation effort in Memphis and the surrounding area. Some of those in attendance can probably be classified as "power structure" people, and the tone of the conference was surprisingly optimistic. Perhaps this is attributable in large measure to the long-standing tradition of Negro participation in Memphis politics.

4. New Orleans, Louisiana Workshop. In this instance, we were following last year's pattern of using the consultant device to strengthen the state affiliates. The Louisiana Council on Human Relations has had serious difficulty in maintaining the interest and activity of its best lay leadership. We supplied a consultant team to meet with twenty-two of the leading people interested in human relations activity in the New Orleans area. That included the Executive Secretary of the Council of Social Agencies, the Director of the Tulane School of Social Work, the city's leading Negro attorney, and two Catholic clergymen who have given vigorous leadership to the Louisiana Council. As a result of the session, the Board of the Louisiana Council was substantially strengthened by the enlistment of able new people. Program planning dealt with techniques for advancing community education on voter registration, and desegregation of busses, parks, libraries, and the art museum. Two sub-committees were appointed to follow through on the specific plans laid.

5. Orlando, Florida, has two segregated ministerial associations, but on March 12th a special meeting of fifty-five clergymen, Negro and White, assembled to discuss the role of religious groups and clergymen in the current social transition of the South. We supplied a consultant to background the group on progressive steps being taken elsewhere in the South and the material and resources available to a local group of clergymen interested in advancing race relations.

6. The Atlantic Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., met in South Carolina on March 25th. SRC provided a consultant to discuss with the group population trends in the South and their meaning to the churches. Because of the make-up of this denomination, most of the ministers present were Negro. Considerable emphasis was placed on helping urban Negro clergymen plan effective assistance for the large number of Negroes who are moving from the farms to the cities and towns.

7. Nashville, Tennessee Conference on Christian Faith and Human Relations. On April 23-25 a large Southwide representation of white Protestant leadership came together under the sponsorship of the Fellowship of Southern Churchmen and the Tennessee Council of Churches. This was an unprecedented rallying of Protestant conscience in the South. SRC encouraged attendance by state staff people and supplied two consultants

for the workshop sessions. It is possible that this conference represented a kind of turning point, in that church leadership was united for the first time, across denominational lines, in a resolve to advance desegregation through religious channels. In any case, it was a significant beginning.

8. A similar affair on a state-wide level took place near Montgomery in April. A group of white Protestant clergymen and laymen from all parts of Alabama met together for the first time for candid discussion of their responsibility in the present crisis. The Executive Director of SRC's area affiliate -- himself a Methodist minister -- helped plan and organize the meeting. SRC supplied a consultant to provide background information and guidance to the group. At the end of the conferance the group voted to further their joint planning by another assembly in the Fall, this one to be held on an integrated basis. We rendered a similar consultant service to the Alabama Student Ecumenical Conference, which met interracially at Talladega College on April 4th. This organization is the only remaining integrated state-wide student group. Among the participants were delegates from state-supported colleges and universities. Much of the discussion turned on what the students could do through their campus religious organizations.

The long-deferred conference of our consultants will take place on May 24th and 25th. The difficulties of getting full attendance have been enormous, but it now appears that we will have a full house. We are bringing together, along with the established consultant panel, some promising new specialists whom we hope to use effectively in the months to come. We will be giving you a report of this meeting.

We have deliberately expended a disproportionate amount of time, energy, and money on the consultant program during recent weeks, since the Summer is a slack period. Out of the first installment of the 1957 grant from the New World Foundation, approximately $6,000 of the current grant has been spent thus far. Taking into account the less active Summer months, we believe this represents an appropriate pro rata expenditure.

Please convey our good wishes to the Board of the Foundation at its coming meeting, and our appreciation for the support which has made this productive activity possible.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encls.

May 13, 1957

Miss Mary Alice Baldinger
Executive Director
National Civil Liberties Clearing House
1637 Massachusetts Avehue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Miss Baldinger:

Under separate cover I am sending you the grand jury presentments against Koinonia Farm and the Farm's public answer. Also included with them will be several other related pieces such as our chronology of events and copies of news clips.

The Atlanta Journal, after waiting nearly a year, finally ran an extended series on Koinonia - these six articles were of good quality. The paper's editorial policy has been weak regarding the strictly civil liberties issues involved.

Let me know if you think there is further information which you would like to have.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

May 13, 1957

Mr. Robert E. Hughes
Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations, Inc.
Room 1218 Comer Building
Birmingham 3, Alabama

Dear Bob:

Thanks for your prompt and most informative reply to my recent request for information.

Your interview with Carl Griffin sounded quite worthwhile to me. I would be much interested in a brief informal report on what he has to say to your Birmingham chapter on labor and race relations in Alabama. I will send Griffin an invitation to the special union training institute to be held in connection with the Fisk Institute on Race Relations. If a good opening presents itself, you might give this matter a push.

I did get to give the Alabama Council, and you, a push in a recent letter to Pippin. I was sending him a copy of our Summary of Segregation Legislation in which he was interested.

Quick, informal notes on other persons whom you think I should be in touch with and on any incidents related to labor would be of continuing help to me. Don't hesitate to ask me to prod or approach labor guys on your behalf. Occasionally, such a request might get in the way of some other activity, but we can always iron that out when it occurs.

I trust that it will not be too long before I am with you again. With warmest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

May 13, 1957

MEMORANDUM

TO: Harold C. Fleming
FROM: Frederick B. Routh

1. I am scheduling my vacation, if convenient to all concerned, Monday, June 24th through Friday, July 5. I, of course, will not be in town either on the week-end preceeding or the week-end following that vacation period.

2. On June 21 I am scheduled to sepak to the UAW-CIO in Port Heron, Michigan, hence I shall leave Atlanta the afternoon of Thursday, June 20.

3. This involves a considerable saving to me, since my way is being paid to Port Heron, and this is close by the Canadian border.

cc: Mrs. Ruth Alexander

May 13, 1957

Mr. Maxwell Hahn
Executive Vice President
The Field Foundation
250 Fifth Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Hahn:

Dave Freeman and Frank Loescher have advised me that you are considering an early trip South and might be interested in attending the forthcoming conference of agencies concerned with human relations in the region. The meeting is scheduled to run from 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 28th through Noon, Wednesday, May 29th; we will meet in the board room of Atlanta University.

I know that this is pretty short notice, but if you should find it possible to sit in on the conference, you would be most welcome. Of course, I shall make no mention to anyone of the possibility that you may be present.

In any case, when and if you make your Southern trip, I hope you will call on us for any advice you can offer and that you will plan to pay us a visit.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

May 14, 1957

Rev. Robert E. Hughes,
Executive Director,
Alabama Council on Human Relations, Inc.
Room 1218 Comer Bldg.
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Bob,

Sorry to disappoint you again but we are not quite ready to release the voting figures. However, the manuscript is in good shape and we expect to publish it very soon. Perhaps, I can let you know something more definite next week.

Anyway, I am looking forward to seeing you at the State Meeting here.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:cj

May 14, 1957

Mr. George K. Hunton
Catholic Interracial Council of
New York, Inc.
20 Vesey Street
New York 7, New York

Dear George:

Thanks for your recent letter. I appreciate the copy of Ave Marie which you caused to have sent to us. The St. Louis story was very well done, and it is good to know that we have permission to draw on it. I was also glad to get the additional copies of the "Handbook on Catholic School Integration."

I have just heard from Ben Sissel of the Presbyterians concerning the availability of the George Mitchell film. He writes as follows:

> "The George Mitchell film is completed. We have one copy in our hands. I am authorizing Motion Picture Laboratories (1672 Union Avenue, Memphis 4, Tenn.) to sell prints direct to legitimate purchasers upon order. Our office is not set up to perform any merchandising or order-taking. My understanding is that the cost of the film will be something in the neighborhood of $115. to $125. per copy. Have not been informed as to the precise cost. Your procedure, therefore, would be to order direct from Motion Picture Laboratories in Memphis."

I note that he says nothing about rental. If I find out more about this, I will pass the word on. Meanwhile, you might want to write yourself to the Motion Picture Laboratories.

I would be delighted to take part in one of your weekly forums and will be at pains to let you know in advance the next time I am to be in New York.

With warmest regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

May 14, 1957

Rev. Thomas Kilgore, Jr., Director
Prayer Pilgrimage for Freedom
20 W. 40th Street
New York 18, New York

Dear Rev. Kilgore:

Perhaps my family has told you that I am now working as Research Assistant for the Southern Regional Council, so my writing from Atlanta may not come as a complete surprise.

I am writing mainly to congratulate you on your competent coordination of plans for the Prayer Pilgrimage and to join the many other persons who've expressed a hope for its success. Paul Anthony, our Administrative Assistant, and I will be present as representatives of the Southern Regional Council.

Best wishes to the family.

Sincerely,

Florence Irving

May 14, 1957

Mr. John Jordan
Duke Station
P. O. Box 4908
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Jordan:

We are glad that the materials which we sent were of use to you. You may keep all of them. Perhaps there may occasionally be opportunities for sharing them with other persons who will also find them beneficial.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

May 14, 1957

Mr. Edwin J. Lukas
The American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Ed:

The Eldon Edwards interview received no great notice here, though it was carried in Atlanta as well as in many other Southern cities. The people I have talked to (mostly the thoughtful sort) thought Edwards cut an unbelievable figure. I thought so myself and would suspect that he did nothing but add discredit to himself and the Klan among people of any degree of education or sophistication. What effect the interview had on the Klan's constituency is hard to determine. Even among that group, I should think that Edwards did not help himself very much. Wallace so clearly had him off balance that even his followers must have felt that, however unjustly, Edwards got the short end.

I hear that you are going to be in our fair city at the end of the week. I hope that I will have an opportunity to see you then. Meanwhile, best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

cc of letter and list to John Hope, 5/15/57

May 14, 1957

Dr. Robert Brisbane
Department of Political Science
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Brisbane:

This is an invitation to attend a conference on SRC's Consultant Service Program, to be held in Atlanta on May 24-25.

For the past year SRC has offered the services of qualified consultants to its affiliated state organizations in order to help them develop meaningful programs. This service, which has been called the Consultant Service Program, has generally taken the form of workshops for Staff and Board of the state affiliates.

Experience indicates a need for similar professional consultation with civic organizations and groups which are working for desegregation in their own communities, and also with official bodies - such as school boards - which are faced with the task of initiating desegregation in public facilities.

Assistance has thus far been provided to two community groups of lay leadership and a public body. It is now clear that even modest success at the local level will create a larger and more varied demand for service than our present panel of consultants can meet. The range of professional qualifications, training, and experience of the panel must be broadened if we are to maintain the level of excellence and flexibility demonstrated by our consultants to date.

On May 24-25, the SRC Consultant Conference will be held at Atlanta University, starting with a six o'clock dinner at the A.U. dormitory, 50 Chestnut Street, S.W. At this meeting the present consultant panel and SRC staff members involved in the program will take stock of activities to date and make plans for the future.

We are asking a few selected professionals, who we feel are well qualified to serve as consultants, to join us in the planning and at the same time to get acquainted with the consultant program and its aims and methods. It would be assumed that each of them would be available for occasional service as a consultant on a fee basis, if and when the needs of the program require their particular talents, though no commitment is implied at this time.

We very much hope that you will join us in this conference. SRC will defray your travel and other expenses. Please indicate whether you can attend by air mail to Mr. Paul Anthony, Administrative Assistant, c/o SRC at the address on this letterhead. Reservations for all participants will be made at the Atlanta University dormitories; your prompt reply may give us time to provide a travel advance.

Hope to greet you in Atlanta.

Sincerely yours,

John Hope II
Chief Consultant

JH:mm

Letter of invitation to Consultant Conference sent to following people, May 14, 1957:

Dr. Robert Brisbane
Department of Political Science
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dr. Robert Martin
Department of Political Science
Howard University
Washington, D. C.

Dr. Daniel C. Thompson
Department of Sociology
Dillard University
New Orleans, La.

Mr. Robert Thompson
Atlanta Urban League
239 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton
Atlanta Urban League
239 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Miss Irene Osborne
American Friends Service Committee
20 South 12th Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

Mr. Philip Hammer
70 Fairlie Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Canon Robert McCloslay
Episcopal Diocese of Florida
Jacksonville, Florida

Dr. Samuel Gandy
Dean of the Chapel
Dillard University
New Orleans, La.

Dr. Earl Brewer
Department of Sociology
Emory University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dr. Robert Menefee
Sociology Department
Berea College
Berea, Kentucky

Dr. B. R. Brazeal
Dean
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dr. Willis A. Sutton
Bureau of Community Service
University of Kentucky
Lexington, Ky.

May 14, 1957

Dr. William C. Menninger,
Chairman of Group for the Advancement of Psychiatry,
Menninger Foundation,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Menninger:

We are interested in research for the full report on the psychological aspects of desegregation issued by your group on May 15, 1957. We were told that you might be able to supply us with a copy of this report or to tell us who could.

We are interested in using this report, or a portion thereof, in our monthly magazine, New South.

We would appreciate any consideration you may extend us in this matter.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:mdn

May 14, 1957

Most Reverend Vincent S. Waters
Bishop's Residence
15 North McDowell Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Bishop Waters:

I have just heard from Mr. Ben Sissel of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., concerning the film of Dr. Mitchell's speech. He writes as follows:

> "The George Mitchell film is completed. We have one copy in our hands. I am authorizing Motion Picture Laboratories (1672 Union Avenue, Memphis 4, Tenn.) to sell prints direct to legitimate purchasers upon order. Our office is not set up to perform any merchandizing or order-taking. My understanding is that the cost of the film will be something in the neighborhood of $115. to $125. per copy. Have not been informed as to the precise cost. Your procedure, therefore, would be to order direct from Motion Picture Laboratories in Memphis."

I note that Mr. Sissel says nothing about rental. As soon as I get information about that, I shall pass it on to you.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

May 15, 1957

Mr. Paul R. Christopher
Director - AFL-CIO Region 8
216 Flatiron Building
705 Broadway, N.E.
Knoxville 17, Tennessee

Dear Paul:

By this time you will have received the form letter from Ben Segal and me explaining a special union staff training institute in conjunction with the Fisk Institute on Race Relations.

John Hope and Ben join me in asking you to participate on the program for the morning of Tuesday, July 9th. As of, now we are planning a type of panel session; John would chair and you, Ben and I would lead the discussion. This session would be for all persons attending the institute and not just the union workshop. Some fairly elementary questions should be handled, such as what a union is and is not and what can reasonably be expected from such an organization. Also what is the role of unions in a transitional Southern situation - in terms of industrialisation and desegregation. This session will probably be followed by one on minority employment problems and opportunities. We would not be directly responsible for participation in that part of the program.

We would have a total of about two hours for our part of Tuesday morning. The group will be a mixed-bag of backgrounds and understanding, so that we will need to allow plenty of time for the kind of discussion that lets us know just what questions need attention and to give an opportunity for real participation.

I trust that you will make every effort to be with us for this program. Of course, we are hoping, too, that you will be able to participate in the whole week of the Institute that includes the union training program.

I will send you a list of union persons invited through our office; any follow-up to these by you would be most welcome. It would be helpful if you could send me the names and addresses of additional persons whom you feel should be invited.

Please let me hear from you as soon as possible as to whether you can make the Tuesday session.

As more detailed plans develop for the Tuesday morning session - or if there is any change in focus - one of us will be in touch with you.

Best personal wishes.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

May 15, 1957

Mr. J. M. Dabbs
Rip Raps Plantation
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

Anything that will get you before Southern audiences has our whole-hearted approval and support. Otherwiss put, we think the idea is dandy and will do anything we can to help you and Max Hahn to put it into effect.

If I could think of an organization other than the Council that might better handle the arrangements, I would suggest it. Of course, I would like to see Rotary take it on, but we all know about that. As to the church groups, we know from experience that the denominational social action departments and the other religious groups that are inclined to face this issue at all tend to lean on SRC for guidance and professional service. (In their defense, we should note that a major reason is that they are pitifully staffed and financed.) The same thing might be said for most of the organizations that would be sympathetic enough to our point of view to be interested in arranging speaking engagements for you. I am enclosing a list of the groups which have asked us to serve as an inter-agency clearing house and which we will be convening soon for the third time.

Thus, Mr. Hahn to the contrary, the only alternative I see to SRC is your dealing directly with a number of groups over the South, and this I think would be too cumbersome a procedure for you to handle easily. And, as always, there is the problem of a tax-exempt recipient for the foundation grant.

From SRC's point of view, I see only one possible hitch. We are receiving this year a modest Field grant in a diminishing three-year series, and we will most certainly be applying to the Foundation for further assistance for the period to come. As you know, Field is one of the few foundations of any substantial size with a serious interest in race relations. We have no reason at the moment to feel that our prospects are over-bright, but in view of the importance of the Field Foundation in this area, we will have no choice but to use every possible device to enlist its support on a large scale.

In view of this, it would be unwise for SRC at this point to play the part of supplicant for a small, special purpose grant, however enthusiastic we may be about the purpose.

I take it from your letter that Hahn has expressed considerable interest in the idea. Could you correspond with him further, interpreting the reasons why SRC is the logical agency through which this prospect might be managed, making it clear that SRC is willing, but would regard itself as merely the instrument of such an arrangement? We have worked out similar arrangements with the Fund for the Republic, at the request of the Fund and a third party, in which it was clearly understood that the Council would not prejudice its future grantee status.

I hope I haven't made this too complicated, and I know you understand that we in fact feel a primary interest in getting you on the stump as effectively as possible. Who knows, you might develop a reputation as a lecturer that will make you the only self-liquidating prospect in the whole history of race relations.

I hope when and if you get an extra copy available you will give me a chance to read your manuscript too. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

May 15, 1957

Mr. Ralph E. Smeltzer, Director,
Social Education,
General Brotherhood Board
22 South State Street
Elgin, Illinois

Dear Mr. Smeltzer:

Thank you for your order of May 13, 1957. We are mailing you under separate cover the packet of materials you requested. Enclosed is a copy of the invoice and a list of the price of each individual item. This material can be ordered as a packet or separately.

The New South contained in the packet is the latest issue and unless otherwise specified, would be the current issue each time a request is filled. The mimeographed material is revised from time to time and so is usually current at the time it is mailed.

Also, included is an informational pamphlet concerning the Southern Regional Council which may be of interest to you.

Again, thank you for your interest.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:cj

enclosures:

Separate cover:

May 15, 1957

Mr. Courtney Siceloff
Director
Penn Community Services, Inc.
St. Helena Island
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Courtney:

I am glad that the Mays stopped by St. Helena's. We thought they were exceptionally congenial people.

As I understand the situation, May expects to be charged with the administration of a substantial sum for race relations at some time in the future, possibly sooner, possibly later. At present, he does administer a small family foundation which is interested in intergroup matters. This is the Columbia Foundation. Ironically, I was inhibited myself in discussing the possibilities of assistance for our work, since I was cast in the role of host. To a somewhat lesser degree, I imagine you felt similarly inhibited.

My advise to you would be to write him an informal letter asking whether it would be appropriate for Penn to submit an application to the Foundation he directs for support of the project you discussed with him. I am sure that he would reply quite candidly. In that way, you would not be shooting in the dark and might save yourself unnecessary effort in preparing a formal proposal. Of course, I share your hope that the response will be favorable, though I didn't get enough information to judge the possibility. I should also think that you would be well-advised to raise quite baldly the question of the amount of money you would be shooting for. I have found that most foundations are not averse to telling you what amount and what terms would be within the bounds of consideration.

It is quite true that Jane and I keep fanning the hope of a week-end visit to St. Helena. The news of the new attic fan gives us new incentive, and we may be writing you for an invitation one of these days. Meanwhile, all the best to you and Lib and John.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

May 15, 1957

Dr. A. Stephen Stephan
Professor
University of Arkansas
Department of Sociology and Anthropology
Fayetteville, Arkansas

Dear Dr. Stephan:

I was very glad to receive the reprint of your recent article on population ratio. It came just after I had finished reading a summary of it in the new report on research published by the Anti-Defamation League.

Dr. Mitchell's address is Glencoe, Argyll, Scotland. He writes that he and Alice are enjoying the beauties of Scotland and are preparing to build their own house on a beautiful hill overlooking the burn. I am sure he would be most happy to hear from you.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

May 15, 1957

Dr. W. H. Collie
309 Third Street
West Palm Beach, Florida

Dear Dr. Collie:

This will introduce Marvin Jones, a good friend of SRC's and mine, who has accepted the directorship of the Northwest Branch of the Y. M. C. A. in Fort Lauderdale.

I would personally appreciate it if you and your good wife would make a point of welcoming him and his family to the South Florida area. They are a delightful couple and you will be well rewarded in calling them friends.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Roth,
Assistant Director

FBR:cj

May 15, 1957

Mr. Henry M. Christman
Post Office Box 812
Grand Central Station
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Christman:

Thanks for your letter.

Enclosed are some clippings which trace the latest abortive effort to outlaw "mixed" baseball in Georgia. This will at least give you a start. If the story looks promising and you need further information, perhaps we can advise further.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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Encls.

May 15, 1957

Reverend M. L. King, Jr.
The Montgomery Improvement Association
530 South Union Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Reverend King:

I know that this is a singularly busy time for you and that you might not see this letter for some days. I am sending it, however, in the hope that it will reach you in time for the Southern Leadership Conference to arrange representation at an inter-agency conference scheduled for May 28-29. The details of time and arrangements are given in the attached notice.

A word of background: last Fall the Southern grantees of the Fund for the Republic met at Tuskegee Institute for discussion of their common concerns and planning of cooperative action. At a second meeting, the group decided that it wished to continue occasional such meetings on a less restricted basis. The Southern Leadership Conference was mentioned as one of the organizations we all hoped might be represented at future meetings. We hope, naturally, that you yourself can be with us, but in the likely event that that isn't possible we will welcome other representation.

Two staff members of SRC will be on hand at Friday's ceremony in Washington. You have our best wishes for its success.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encl.

May 15, 1957

Mr. Solomon Sutker
Associate Professor
Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College
Stillwater, Oklahoma

Dear Sol:

Thanks for your note and the copies of your correspondence with Professor Newton. We agreed sometime ago with Charles Thompson, of Howard, who edits the Journal of Negro Education, that it was perfectly all right with us for our voting project consultants to share their findings with the contributors to his Summer Yearbook issue. We made it clear to him, however, that the agreement of the particular consultant in question would also be necessary. Therefore, the decision is entirely yours.

The complications that have held up the publication of our voting report are too involved for a letter of reasonable length. But we are very near publication, and God willing we will have it out soon. May I assume that you are willing to be identified in the Foreword as having made the North Carolina study? We will make it crystal clear that you and the other consultants are in no way responsible for our summary of the findings.

Meanwhile, feel free to make any use you wish of your own manuscript. We formally release all claims.

I hope you have a good Summer in Kansas. We will be looking forward hospitably to seeing you in August.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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HAROLD C. FLEMING
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South

May 15, 1957

MEMORANDUM

TO: COOPERATING AGENCIES WORKING IN THE SOUTH

FROM: HAROLD C. FLEMING

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF MEETING, MAY 28-29, 1957

: :

You will recall that at the last inter-agency meeting it was agreed that another meeting of Southern field representatives should be convened in May or June, looking toward the opening of schools in September. The Southern Regional Council was asked to serve again as convener.

Within the past few days, we have been urged by several of the agencies to schedule the meeting for the last week in May. Hence, this rather short notice. We have scheduled the meeting to begin at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 28th, and to conclude at noon on Wednesday, May 29th.

I do hope it will be possible for your agency to be represented. We will be considering what we can do, separately or in concert, to facilitate the adjustment to be made by various Southern states and communities between now and September.

We are making the same arrangements as last time. The sessions will be held in the Board Room, Administration Building, Atlanta University. Out-of-town participants may be housed in the Atlanta University dormitories, 50 Chestnut Street, S. W., and meals will be served in the dormitory dining hall.

As before, each agency is asked to limit its attendance to two Southern field representatives. Unlike the last meeting, it will be necessary this time for each agency to bear its representatives' expenses, not only travel but also accommodations and meals. The rates at Atlanta University are quite modest.

Please let us know, at your very earliest convenience, who will represent your agency and whether or not you wish us to make reservations at Atlanta University.

HCF/mf

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15 May 57

Mr. Thomas Sutherland
310 E. 14th Street
Austin, Texas

Dear Tom,

A long time back Harold told me he had talked with you about the possibilities of SRC's using your services at some conference we might be holding and asked that I write you about it.

Being true to the role of the absent-minded professor I promptly misplaced your address. What I had intended to then write, and unfortunately is still true, is that group-leaders and resource people for such conferences as were being planned were being sought in the Atlanta area because of the scarcity of travel funds.

I only wish it might be otherwise, but the simple truth is that we are short-run.

I still remember with pleasure our trip out to your ranch and the ride on "Ole Nell" (if that was her name). I hope that things are going well for you in your new position and that you are finding satisfaction in it.

Best personal regards,

Cordially,

Fred Routh

FBR/self

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AN ANALYSIS OF THE ATTACK ON SRC IN THE FIRING LINE OF MAY 15, 1957

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The Firing Line is the publication of the American Legion's National Americanism Commission, P. O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, Indiana. The Americanism Commission appears to reflect the most extreme right-wing opinion to be found within the Legion's official family. In the past, the Firing Line has attacked many reputable organizations and individuals. It seems to accept without question the testimony and charges of professional accusers (e.g., Manning Johnson, the late Paul Crouch) even though they have long since been discredited and much of their specific testimony has been found by such official groups as the Subversive Activities Control Board to be false and unreliable.

In the issue of May 15th, the Firing Line contains an article on the Southern Regional Council. This article presents in the guise of facts allegations against SRC and various of its past and present board members that range from outright falsehoods to cunning distortions designed to support utterly unfounded conclusions. Following is a point by point analysis; the indented paragraphs are quoted verbatim from the Firing Line.

> Readers of the April 15, 1957 issue of the Firing Line will recall the Council was identified as a "Southern Red front by MANNING JOHNSON on March 8, 1957 before the State of Louisiana Legislative

> Committee on Segregation." The Firing Line report also revealed testimony which reflected the Council was "formed by JAMES E. JACKSON, a Southern organizer of the Communist Party" and "is affiliated with the Mississippi Council on Human Relations."

The Louisiana State body referred to here was set up to combat desegregation and is headed by State Senator William M. Rainach, who is also the chief leader of the White Citizens Councils in that state. Manning Johnson is a self-styled ex-Communist whose testimony has been repudiated by the U. S. Department of Justice and the Subversive Activities Control Board. His testimony about SRC is demonstrably false. The founding of SRC by a group of outstanding Southerners is a matter of public record. The incorporators were Bishop Arthur J. Moore of The Methodist Church, Ralph McGill, editor of The Atlanta Constitution, Dr. Rufus E. Clement, president of Atlanta University, the late Dr. Charles S. Johnson, president of Fisk University, and the late Dr. Howard W. Odum, professor of sociology at the University of North Carolina. Any claim that these men would have permitted the James E. Jackson in question or any other person of Communistic persuasion to play any part in the founding of the organization is fantastic. The founding of SRC is a matter of extensive public record, as reported in the press and official documents, all clearly showing that this charge is an outright falsehood.

The statement that SRC "is affiliated with the Mississippi Council on Human Relations" is both inaccurate and irrelevant. The Mississippi Council is a thoroughly respectable body of citizens of that State, including among its officers the wife of a cotton broker and the Catholic Bishop of Mississippi. It was for a time affiliated with the Southern Regional Council (not *vice versa*) though it now functions as an independent group.

> Records of the American Legion reveal a definite trend of interrelationship between the SRC and the Southern Conference For Human Welfare, a defunct Communist front organization. According to the files of the National Americanism Commission, the following 16 former Directors of the SRC have been supporters of this aforementioned subversive organization: CHARLOTTE H. BROWN, LOUIS E. BURNHAM, GEORGE E. CLARY, HERBERT DAVIDSON, J. M. ELLISON, CLARK H. FOREMAN, GUY B. JOHNSON, DAVID D. JONES, GEORGE S. MITCHELL, HOWARD W. ODUM, F. D. PATTERSON, EDWIN A. PENICK, HOMER P. RAINEY, IRA DeA. REID, FORRESTER B. WASHINGTON and AUBREY WILLIAMS.

The charge that SRC was related to the Southern Conference for Human Welfare continues to be used by the detractors of this organization although it has long since and repeatedly been refuted. SRC was the official successor to the Commission on Interracial Cooperation, founded in 1919 by a group of outstanding Southern churchmen. SRC came into existence at a time when the Southern Conference had been operating for six years, and it was attacked by some persons on the grounds that it was a more conservative organization set up in competition with the Southern Conference. It was never in any way connected with the Southern Conference.

The spurious technique of connection-by-association used here was exposed for what it is by the Atlanta Constitution in 1953. At that time, Dr. Rufus E. Clement, the distinguished president of Atlanta University, had announced his candidacy for the Atlanta Board of Education. Pro-segregationists sought to have him disqualified, using as the Firing Line does the charge that he had once served on the board of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare. The Atlanta Constitution on May 12, 1953 editorialized as follows:

ATTACK ON CLEMENT IS DIRTY POLITICS

> *** A member of the [City Executive Committee] board has charged that Dr. Clement is a Communist sympathizer because he once belonged to the now defunct Southern Conference for Human Welfare.
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> This newspaper is proud of the fact that it contributed largely to the demise of that organization. We were

> twice threatened with lawsuits because of our exposure of it; therefore, we believe we have some authority to speak.
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> The Southern Conference for Human Welfare was organized by honest, loyal Americans, with a viewpoint to organizing all constructive forces in the South to improve the South's economic and social status. It later was infiltrated by Communists, but for a good many years it was composed of and led by persons of unquestioned loyalty, during which time its membership was about 99.95 per cent loyal. It offers the typical example of a few rotten Communists spoiling a good barrel of apples.
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> Even so, it was not until a good many years had passed, and after most of the membership had withdrawn, including Dr. Clement, that persons of suspected communistic tendencies took over what remained of the organization. They did not long endure, largely because this newspaper exposed them and kept upon them the full light of publicity. Therefore, we feel free to say that this smear attack on Dr. Clement was false and unworthy, and those conducting it reflect no credit on themselves, our city, state and region.***

Suffice it to say that Dr. Clement's qualifications were upheld by the City Executive Committee, he was overwhelmingly elected in the primary, and he has recently been re-elected to the Atlanta Board of Education.

In this incident and in the Atlanta Constitution's editorial reproduced above lies the full explanation of the dishonest technique used by the Firing Line and SRC's racist critics in their attempts to discredit this organization.

It might further be noted that among the 16 former directors whose past presence on the board of SRC is supposed to have infected it with subversive sympathies are the following:

Dr. George E. Clary, Executive Secretary of the Southeastern Jurisdiction of the Methodist Church.

Mr. Herbert Davidson, Editor and Publisher of the Daytona Beach News and Journal.

Dr. J. M. Ellison, Chancellor of Virginia Union University.

The late Dr. Howard W. Odum, nationally famous scholar of the University of North Carolina.

The Reverend Edwin Penick, the presiding Episcopal Bishop of Raleigh, North Carolina.

The distinguished positions held by these individuals and their impeccable reputations in the South and North alike are enough, in themselves, to refute the insinuations of the Firing Line.

> The files of The American Legion reflect the following 9 current SRC Directors have also been affiliated with the subversive Southern Conference For Human Welfare: RUFUS B. ATWOOD, PAUL R. CHRISTOPHER, RUFUS E. CLEMENT, A. W. DENT, BENJAMIN E. MAYS, H. COUNCILL TRENHOLM, E. C. PETERS, JOSEPHINE WILKINS and MARION A. WRIGHT.

The same answer as that given above also applies here. Consider the positions held by these nine current directors:

Dr. Rufus B. Atwood, president of the state-supported Kentucky State College.

Mr. Paul R. Christopher, regional director of the AFL-CIO who serves by appointment of Governor Clement on an official state commission of Tennessee.

Dr. R. E. Clement, identified above.

Dr. Albert W. Dent, president of Dillard University of New Orleans.

Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, president of Morehouse College and one of this nation's most prominent leaders in the World Council of Churches.

Dr. H. Councill Trenholm, president of the state-supported Alabama State College in Montgomery.

Dr. E. C. Peters, president emeritus of Methodist-supported Paine College in Augusta, Georgia.

Miss Josephine Wilkins, former administrator of the Fact-Finding Movement of Georgia and past president of the League of Women Voters of Georgia.

Mr. Marion A. Wright, respected attorney, former chairman of the South Carolina Library Board, past president of the University of South Carolina Alumni Association.

If the worst that can be charged against the Southern Regional Council is that these distinguished Southerners served on its board, the organization can be proud indeed.

> For the information of Firing Line readers, the following 8 current Directors of the Council have been affiliated with the aforementioned Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc., which was fully exposed in the July 1, 1955 issue of this publication: F. WOODS BECKMAN, BLAILSFORD (sic) R. BRAZEAL, RUFUS E. CLEMENT, JAMES M. DABBS, CHARLES G. GOMILLION, DUNCAN HUNTER, BENJAMIN E. MAYS and JOSEPHINE WILKINS. It may be of interest to recall that former SRC Director AUBREY WILLIAMS has been President of the Southern Conference Educational Fund since 1948. He was named as a member of the Communist Party during the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee's 1954 hearings.

The Southern Conference Educational Fund is the successor to the Southern Conference for Human Welfare. Three of the individuals named in this paragraph were named in the preceding one. The others include the Dean of Morehouse College, an honorably retired Federal Government employee, a South Carolina planter who is a leading layman of the Southern Presbyterian Church, the Dean of Tuskegee Institute, and a Methodist clergyman of Alabama. A special case is made of Aubrey Williams, who once served on the SRC board and is now president of the Southern Conference Educational Fund. It is reported that charges of past Communist affiliation were made against Mr. Williams in 1954. Mr. Williams resigned from SRC's board more than ten years ago, long before these charges were made. However, it should be noted that he categorically and under oath denied the charges made against him in 1954 and his sworn denial still stands unchallenged in the official record. The charge was made by a professional witness, another self-styled ex-Communist whose testimony on other occasions was proved false.

> Allen Rankin, columnist for the conservative Montgomery Advertiser, wrote of the hearing at which Mr. Williams was accused: "(Senator)

> Eastland admitted to a newsman: 'I don't think either of the Durrs or Williams are Communists.' Yet these people...were accused and insulted and browbeaten."

It should be clear to any thoughtful person that the cynical technique of guilt by association used here in its most far-fetched form to indict the Southern Regional Council can be used at least as damagingly against any honest, patriotic body of citizens.

It is possible, for example, to extend the charges of the Firing Line to "prove" that the Catholic Church is under the influence of Communist sympathizers. Several Catholic clergymen took part at one time in the activities of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare. One of the founders of the SRC was then Bishop, now Archbishop Gerald P. O'Hara, one of the leading Catholic dignitaries in the United States. From the very beginning, the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council has included a Catholic clergyman. Among the contributors to SRC have been two Catholic bishops and two archbishops. The president of SRC from 1945 to 1951 was Mr. Paul D. Williams of Richmond, Virginia, a co-founder of the Catholic Committee of the South, a Knight of St. Gregory, and one of the leading laymen of his Church. In 1953, the Catholic Committee of the South conferred its annual award on Dr. George S. Mitchell in recognition of his work as executive director of the Southern Regional Council. It would be interesting to see what the Firing Line would make of this "definite trend of interrelationship."

The same artificial case could, of course, be made against the Methodists, the Presbyterians, and other religious and civic groups that have been heavily represented on the board and in the activities of SRC.

The use of past associations with the Southern Conference for Human Welfare can be carried to even greater lengths. On April 3, 1945, the Southern Conference for Human Welfare staged a dinner in Washington, D. C., honoring Justice Hugo Black. This affair is reported in detail in the Southern Conference publication, The Southern Patriot, special supplement May 1945, and in contemporary newspaper accounts. The toastmaster on this occasion was then Senator, later Vice-President Alben W. Barkley. At the speaker's table was none other than the Honorable James F. Byrnes, who has since crowned his distinguished career with a term as Governor of South Carolina and one of the leading champions of segregation. Among the sponsors of the dinner were Secretary of State Edward Stettinius, Secretary of Defense James Forrestal, President Harry S. Truman, and other distinguished Americans. Senator Barkley congratulated the Southern Conference on the "great work" it was doing.

This affair is mentioned only to demonstrate how the false standard of association applied by the Firing Line and other critics of SRC can be applied to discredit a host of reputable individuals and the organizations on whose board they serve. Clearly, past affiliation or association with the Southern Conference, cannot honestly be used to impeach the integrity of individuals whose careers testify to their character and patriotism. Still less can the presence of such individuals on the board of another organization be honestly used as evidence against the character of that organization.

Finally, it should be noted that nowhere in the charges against the SRC is there the slightest evidence of word or deed that would suggest Communist or subversive tendencies within the organization. The reason, of course, is that no such evidence exists. From the beginning, the

SRC has been squarely opposed to the Communist doctrine and every other totalitarian philosophy. It has worked constructively and responsibly for full enjoyment of legal and human rights by all the people of the South. Those who seek to discredit the patriotism of the Southern Regional Council do so either out of inexcusable ignorance or because they are opposed to the Christian and American principles for which it stands.

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May 16, 1957

The Reverend Glenn E. Smiley
Field Secretary
Fellowship of Reconciliation
c/o Fellowship
Nyack, New York

Dear Glenn Smiley:

As I believe you know, last October the Southern grantees of the Fund for the Republic got together for some inter-agency discussion. There has been one further meeting since, at which it was decided to continue occasional meetings on a somewhat broader basis.

Enclosed is a notice of the next meeting, coming up very shortly. If it is possible for you to be with us, you would be most welcome. You may be interested to know that among the other groups invited to be represented is the Southern Leadership Conference.

Cordially yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encl.

May 16, 1957

Mr. Michael Millgate
1332 Geddes
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Mr. Millgate:

I was happy to receive your letter of May 12th and to learn of your impending visit to the South. I, as well as other staff members of the Southern Regional Council, will be glad to see you and give you such background information and advice as may be helpful. We can certainly recommend persons whom you might fruitfully see in the other places you are planning to visit. If you are to visit Atlanta first, it will be easiest to do so then; otherwise, let us know and we will advise you by mail.

Unfortunately, I shall be in Nashville, Tennessee, at the Fisk Race Relations Institute for much or all of the week in which July 2nd and 3rd falls. If you could conveniently time your visit for the preceding or following week, that would be much more satisfactory. It occurs to me that you yourself might find that the Institute is worth an investment of a day or so. With this in mind, I am enclosing a leaflet that describes the nature of this annual occasion at Fisk University.

In any case, I shall look forward to hearing from you when your plans are complete.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encl.

May 16, 1957

Fred Fuges, Director of
Rights of Conscience Program
American Friends Service Committee
Twenty South Twelfth Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Fred:

The action you have heard about was taken by the State Board of Education a few weeks ago. As you will see from the enclosed clippings, one of which gives the full text of the Board's resolution, the effects are limited to those organizations which have some tie-in with the school system. The action was inspired by a controversy that arose in Augusta, Georgia, over the possibility of the local students attending an interracial Y-Teen Conference to be held at Blue Ridge in June.

Characteristically, however, the Board of Education acted hastily and in blunderbuss fashion. Even the Board members themselves after the meeting confessed that they were not sure how the resolution should be interpreted or what all of the effects of it might be. This confusion still persists, so that nobody can say for sure which of the school-related organizations will be hit by the ruling, how the ruling will be enforced, or to what extent, if any, teachers may be affected.

Obviously the AFSC would not fall within the scope of the resolution, under any interpretation, unless it had school chapters or sought to promote its interracial activity through school channels.

We will be glad to keep you posted on later developments. Meanwhile, if there is any further information we can send, let us know.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

Encl.

May 16, 1957

Mr. Paul Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond 22, Virginia

Dear Paul:

Wonderful news about Father Sigur. He sounds like a fine choice for our Board and Executive Committee, and we all have reason to be deeply grateful to you for delivering so well on a difficult assignment.

I will write Father Sigur at once and send him pertinent materials about SRC. The exact date of the next Executive Committee meeting has not yet been set, but it will be sometime in July. We should be nailing down the date soon, and I will see that both you and Father Sigur are notified at the very earliest.

I will be looking forward to seeing you again. Meanwhile, warm regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

P. S. I was pleased to find that Father Sigur has been on the complimentary mailing list for New South since 1952.

May 16, 1957

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

The enclosed memo to the Executive Committee is self-explanatory. Paul Williams was particularly anxious that you be informed of Father Sigur's selection. You will probably want to write Father Sigur yourself and welcome him to our midst.

Regards,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encl.

May 16, 1957

Father Alexander O. Sigur
Post Office Box 532
S.L.I. Station
Lafayette, Louisiana

Dear Father Sigur:

Paul Williams has just advised us that you have accepted membership on the Board and Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council. This is most welcome news indeed, and all of us here are looking forward to meeting you.

I am sending separately materials on the background and activities of the Council. Please don't hesitate to write me for any further information that may be helpful to you.

The exact date of our next Executive Committee meeting has not been set, but it will take place sometime in July. You will be hearing from us further about it in the very near future. Meanwhile, our appreciation and warmest regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

AIR MAIL Special

May 17, 1957

Mr. William H. Oliver
Co-Director, Fair Practices Department
United Auto Workers
8000 East Jefferson
Detroit 14, Michigan

Dear Bill:

Enclosed is an announcement of the up-coming inter-agency meeting called by the Council. Under the present set-up of these meetings, the most appropriate UAW person to attend, I think, would be Earl Henderson. The effort is to secure participation by those staff persons directly responsible for Southern territory and working on race relations problems.

Earl would be the first union staffer directly involved in this set up. But as you know, there are no others with such a specific assignment.

In any case, if it clears with you and the department for him to participate, I would like to see that he gets the announcement right away. We are working on short notice this time.

Best wishes to you and I look forward to effective labor participation in the inter-agency approach to some of our Southern problems. We know the significance of the UAW's having the kind of program and staff which makes such participation possible. My own hope, of course, is that there will soon be other unions playing their parts too.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

Enclosure
EFV:mm

May 17, 1957

Miss Mary Kate Duskin,
Executive Director,
Y. W. C. A.
72 Edgewood Avenue, Northeast
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Miss Duskin:

The delay in answering your letter has been caused by Mrs. Tilly's absence from the office. Mrs. Tilly has been incapacitated for several days following minor foot surgery. We are hoping that she will be able to return to her desk early next week, at which time, your letter will be brought to her immediate attention.

~~Although~~ I am not in position to commit Mrs. Tilly, after checking her calendar, I find that the dates suggested in your letter, July 8, 9 - 22 and 23, are open. This information might aid you in going ahead with your plans for Camp.

Sincerely yours,

Carmenceita P. Jones,
Secretary to Mrs. Tilly

c/

May 17, 1957

Mr. Robert E. Hughes,
Executive Director,
Alabama Council on Human Relations, Inc.
Room 1218 Comer Bldg.
Birmingham 3, Alabama

Dear Mr. Hughes:

The delay in replying to your letter of May 8, has been caused by Mrs. Tilly's absence from the office because of minor foot surgery.

Mrs. Tilly hopes to return to the office next week. At this time, your letter will be brought to her immediate attention.

Sincerely yours,

Carmenceita P. Jones,
Secretary to Mrs. Tilly

c/

May 17, 1957

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Glencoe, Argyll
Scotland

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

Enclosed are two copies of the May issue of NEW SOUTH in which we carry your review on Dr. Weatherford's book.

I have read the news of the building plans and other activities of the Mitchells with much interest.

Best of luck to you and to Alice and my deepest personal regards to you both.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable

JC:cj

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May 17, 1957

Reverend Mr. William Crowe, Jr.
P. O. Box 521
Roswell, Georgia

Dear Mr. Crowe:

It was nice to talk to you this afternoon and I am sending you under separate cover the materials you requested. I am also enclosing a short list of other materials which would be helpful to you in your studies of this problem. If we can be of any further assistance to you, please feel free to call on us.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm
Enclosure

May 17, 1957

Dr. Charles P. Fairman
Harvard Law School
Harvard University
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Fairman:

We are sending you, under separate cover, 12 copies of the issue of NEW SOUTH containing your article. I did not write to you again about sub-titles since we used practically the same thing that the Presbyterian Outlook did with the exception of an article or two in some of the sub-headings.

Again, let me say how much I admire the article. I think it will be a great deal of help to the cause of justice.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:ej

separate cover:

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

20 May 1957

MEMORANDUM

To: All State Professional Staff

From: Fred Routh

Subject : **FUND RAISING**

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On May 7th Paul Anthony, SRC Administrative Assistant sent a memo to all State Organizations asking each of them to send in to the Central Office, for compiling into a memo to distribute to all professional staff at this meeting, those techniques of fund-raising they had found most effective.

Only Alabama, Florida, Georgia and North Carolina complied with this request. Fortunately, we also checked with ADL and several other sources. Statements which follow are taken from the sources listed above:

1. "Lets not kid ourselves -- we can't operate without funds. Over-politeness doesn't pay off -- timidity in fund raising wont succeed."

2. "Prospective donors need to be "softened-up." Get their names from your Board members, your general members, and from mailing lists of like-minded groups (ACLU, ADL, AFSC, Etc.). Send them special mailings about the Council; later visit with them. After this have some peer-person visit or write them asking for funds. Revisit the most likely and the most wealthy."

3. "Lay Boards of Directors should have Finance Committees with fund-raising subcommittees. Status business men will make best chairmen of sub-committees. Donors give big money to 'people' and little money to causes and organizations. Staff members should cooperate in setting up fund-raising structure. They should never speak without mentioning the need for funds."

4. "Go after big donors, if possible. It is often as easy to get $500 as $5. Think big -- Ask big -- Get big. Concentrate in big cities more than rural areas."

5. "Hold 'parlor' meetings with small group of friends of Board member or good donor. Professional staff to talk about situation in state and community and Council program. Host to make pitch for donations."

6. "Hold annual fund-raising dinners in big cities, where possible - 'raised $500 at fund-raising dinner' - in some cities public facilities open - in others churches."

7. "Set up a select list of people to contribute 100-500 annually."

8. "Divide state into communities or districts and assign realistic allotment to be raised in each. Appoint local fund-raising Sub-committee chairmen - they collectively to form State Sub-committee."

9. "Approach people and groups in areas of their own self interest. Show why this work is important to them; what they get out of it."

10. "Ignoring the Negro community in fund-raising is a form of paternalism. Many Negroes and Negro organizations want to share in the financial responsibility of this movement. Negroes who are not dependent upon the white community are most free to do so. Among these are undertakers, barbers, lawyers, doctors, dentists, and other professionals. Negro teachers are more vulnerable to white pressure but the state Negro teachers associations are not.

11. "Prepare special promotional material to be used in fund-raising efforts - a 'shocker' from the opposition is often good. Could you use "A Manual for Southerners" put out by WCC with a descriptive piece about the Council 'combating prejudice'"?

12. "Only a systematic, well-organized, well led fund-raising campaign can succeed. Agonized cries to bail you out will never underwrite your program."

13. "Get every member to get five new members. Only sure foundation for state organization is grass roots membership and a number of large donors. Increase program and membership of locals."

14. "Some churches, particularly Negro churches, will be willing to take up special offerings -- say on Race Relations Sunday -- for the Council. Don't be afraid to ask them to do this."

15. "Successful fund-raising depends upon the right person, reaching the right donor, with the right message at the right time."

In conclusion: professional staff members must take the responsibility for fund-raising. This is unfortunate and should not be the case, but it is. Few, if any, organizations receive substantial support except through the direct efforts of the salaried staff. Fund drives, appeals, contacts, etc., take much attention and responsibility. In achieving these factors the most that can be hoped for is cooperation and help from boards and committees.

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May 20, 1957

Dr. A. W. Dent
Dillard University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Al:

Thanks for your letter of May 15th and the enclosed check for $100 representing a contribution from the Edgar Stern Family Fund to assist the work of the Louisiana Council. We are forwarding our check for $100 to Milton Vigo with a letter of explanation.

I am glad to be able to impart a piece of good news. We received today official notification from the Fund for the Republic that it has approved a grant of $200,000 to SRC. This, of course, is in response to our recent request and is to be applied over the thirty-nine month period following October 1, 1957. Though they cut the amount we requested by 20 per cent, in view of the trend away from grant-making by the Fund, we may consider ourselves exceedingly fortunate to have fared so well.

All best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab

May 20, 1957

Christopher Publishing House
Boston 20, Massachusetts

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed are two (2) copies of NEW SOUTH Magazine in which a review of American Churches and the Negro by Dr. W. D. Weatherford appears.

We would appreciate other copies of books of this type for possible review.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable,
Director of Information

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Memo FROM THE DESK OF **FRED ROUTH**

May 20, 1957

To. SRC Staff -

Just in case ya'all missed it, the new President of Fisk University is:

Dr. Stephen Wright
of Bluefield, W. Va.

May 21, 1957

Mr. Henry M. Bulloch,
General Secretary,
The Methodist Church
Editorial Division-Board of Education
810 Broadway
Nashville 2, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Bulloch:

The Catholic Interracial Forum is a group that meets each Thursday at the Catholic Interracial Center, 20 Vesey Street, New York City. The quote you mentioned was taken from the Interracial Review, which is a monthly magazine, published at the same address. I do not have the date that this particular resolution was passed, but I imagine the editor of the magazine could supply that for you.

I hope this helps you clear up your question concerning the Catholic Interracial Forum. If we can be of additional help, please do not hesitate to call on us.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:cj

May 21, 1957

Dr. Samuel L. Gandy
Dillard University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Dr. Gandy:

Thank you for your confirmation of May 17th. We shall look forward to seeing you at the 6:00 p.m. dinner meeting at Atlanta University.

The Council has made provision to cover the expenses incurred, which can include round trip air flight from New Orleans.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/eab

May 21, 1957

Mrs. B. Wild
Anti-Defamation League
B'nai B'rith
41 Exchange Place, S. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Wild:

I have finally run-down a copy of the Florida "Gleanings." I am so sorry that these did not get to you sooner but I think the delay may have been caused by the fact that the stencils were cut in one office and run off and mailed from another. I thought you had received them weeks ago. Now they are finally on the way to you.

Very truly yours,

Carmenceita P. Jones,
Secretary to Mrs. Tilly

enclosure: 1 set
of "Gleanings,"
Fla. Meeting

May 21, 1957

Dr. Rufus E. Clement
President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Clement:

Enclosed is a draft of a statement on the founding of the Southern Regional Council. I hope it is suitable, with such changes as you may wish to make, for you, Bishop Moore, and McGill to sign jointly.

I am enclosing four copies with the thought that each of you might sign the original and retain a copy.

Let me know if I can do anything else to facilitate this.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/eab
Encls.

THE ORIGIN OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

A Statement by the Incorporators

Within the past few years, we have noted from time to time the circulation of inaccurate and unfounded reports concerning the origins of the Southern Regional Council. It has been charged, for example, that the Southern Regional Council is the successor to the controversial Southern Conference for Human Welfare. More recently, a witness before a State legislative committee has alleged that the Council was founded by one James E. Jackson who has since been convicted for his activities in the Communist Party. These charges have absolutely no basis in fact and serve not only to bring discredit on the Southern Regional Council but to injure the reputations of the responsible men and women whose efforts led to the establishment of the Council.

As incorporators of the Southern Regional Council, we feel that it would be helpful for us to give this accurate account of the way in which the Council came into being. Having participated in these formative developments, we speak of them from first-hand knowledge.

The Commission on Interracial Cooperation, itself founded in 1919 by prominent Southern churchmen, was the parent body of the Southern Regional Council. As early as 1939, the leaders of the Commission began to explore the possibility of a re-organization that would permit a broader approach to the problems of the South. In October 1940 the Commission instructed its Executive Committee to "take whatever steps are necessary to carry out the plans for the formation of a council on southern regional development," which would include in its program "the work of the Commission and other activities connected with the economic, educational, and social development of the South." These are matters of official record.

Meanwhile, a group of Southern Negro leaders met in Durham, North Carolina, on October 20, 1942, to set forth "what the Negro wants and is expecting of the post-war South and nation," and to enlist the aid of interested white Southerners. To consider the statement of the Durham conference, a group of Southern white leaders met in Atlanta in April 1943. They found the Durham statement "so frank and courageous, so free from any suggestion of threat and ultimatum," that they pledged their cooperation. "The need," they declared, "is for a positive program arrived at in an atmosphere of understanding, cooperation, and mutual respect."

Representatives of both the Durham and Atlanta conferences met in Richmond in June 1943 to work out further details. As a result of these deliberations and those of the Commission on Interracial Cooperation, the Southern Regional Council was incorporated on January 6, 1944. The incorporators were the late Dr. Howard W. Odum, then Professor of Sociology at the University of North Carolina, the late Dr. Charles S. Johnson, President of Fisk University, Bishop Arthur J. Moore of The Methodist Church, Mr. Ralph McGill, Editor of the Atlanta Constitution, and Dr. Rufus E. Clement, President of Atlanta University.

On February 16, 1944, the Commission on Interracial Cooperation met in Atlanta at a special meeting and took the following action:

"It being made to appear to the meeting that all of the Commission's obligations and liabilities have been fully discharged, and further that the Southern Regional Council, having been duly incorporated to carry on the work with ideals and programs similar to those of this Corporation:

"It was, upon motion duly made and seconded - Resolved that the Corporation transfer and convey to the Southern Regional Council, Inc., a corporation of Fulton County, Georgia, all of its property of every nature whatsoever and wherever situated, absolutely and in fee simple."

It should be noted that the leadership which called together the April 1943 meeting out of which the Southern Regional Council grew was made up of some of the South's finest citizens. The Committee which issued the call to the meeting was as follows:

Bishop Arthur J. Moore, The Methodist Church
Ralph McGill, Editor, The Atlanta Constitution
Stuart R. Oglesby, Presbyterian Minister
Most Rev. Gerald P. O'Hara, Bishop of Savannah-Atlanta
Dean S. Paden, President, King Hardware Company
J. McDowell Richards, President, Columbia Theological Seminary
Bishop John Moore Walker, The Protestant Episcopal Church
Goodrich C. White, President, Emory University
C. H. Gillman, Georgia Director, C.I.O.
George L. Googe, Southern Director, A.F.L.
M. Ashby Jones, Baptist Minister
Ryland Knight, Baptist Minister
Rabbi David Marx, The Temple, Atlanta

It may also be noted that the first president of the Southern Regional Council was Dr. Odum and that he was succeeded in 1945 by Mr. Paul D. Williams of Richmond, Virginia, a prominent Catholic layman and co-founder of the Catholic Committee of the South, who served continuously in that position until 1951. He was succeeded by Mr. Marion A. Wright, the current president.

It should be clear from this account that the Southern Regional Council was in no way the successor to the Southern Conference for Human Welfare. It should also be clear from the quality of the persons who gave leadership to these developments that it would have been utterly impossible for any Communist or any Communist ideas to have played the slightest part in the formation of the organization. Although there is room for much honest disagreement in the complex field of race relations, there is no basis for any charge that the Southern Regional Council was founded by other than responsible, patriotic Southerners devoted to American principles.

Rufus E. Clement

Ralph McGill

Arthur J. Moore

4/21/57

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MR. KENNETH CLARK
NORTHSIDE CENTER
31 WEST 110TH STREET
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

TRAVEL ADVANCE OF $120 VIA AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY POSTED TODAY.

JOHN HOPE II

May 22, 1957

Miss Louise H. Carter
2928 E. Princess Anne Road
Norfolk 12, Virginia

Dear Miss Carter:

Your inquiry regarding school desegregation has been forwarded to us. I am sending you a list of desegregated colleges and several pamphlets on the integration of schools. The latest and most complete list of desegregated public schools is Status of School Segregation - Desegregation, which was recently issued by the Southern Education Reporting Service. It was sent to all libraries subscribing to Southern School News, and I am certain that some of the libraries in the Norfolk area will have the report.

In September 1954, the National Catholic Welfare Conference News Service issued a seven page mimeographed report on desegregation in southern Catholic schools, and that report may still be available from the News Service. I am enclosing a brochure on Integration North and South. This book lists some of the Catholic schools integrating since 1954.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving,
Research Assistant

FBI:fc
Encl.

cc: Mr. Paul D. Williams, Richmond, Va.
Sent: The Louisville Story
Baltimore Story
What's Happening in School Integration
Attitudes Toward Desegregation
Lawyers Statement
List of Integrated Colleges

May 22, 1957

Mr. Felton M. Johnston
Secretary of The Senate
Senate Office Building
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Johnston:

Please send us a copy of S.1658, indicating changes, if any, that have been made by Senate Judiciary Committee or Subcommittee.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving,
Research Assistant

FBI:fc

May 22, 1957

Mr. Ralph R. Roberts
Clerk of the House of Representatives
House of Representatives Office Building
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Please send us a copy of H.R. 6127, indicating any changes that may have been made by the House Rules Committee.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving,
Research Assistant

FBI:fc

May 23, 1957

Dean Percy F. Rex
Trinity Cathedral
Euclid at 22nd Street
Cleveland 15, Ohio

Dear Dean Rex:

Enclosed you will find material pertaining to the resistance group movement in the South. We are sending this material at the request of Mr. Hodding Carter. The enclosed special report on "Resistance Groups" is now being revised and more current information on the subject will be forwarded to you within the next several days.

If we can be of any further help, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Encl.

May 23, 1957

Mrs. Geneva R. Jones
Administrative Assistant
National Council of the Churches of Christ
in the United States of America
Department of Racial and Cultural Relations
297 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mrs. Jones:

Please accept our deepest apologies for the delay in responding to your request of the 13th. It has been necessary for us to again revise the Directory of Organizations and Personnel Engaged in Human Relations Activities in the South. This has now been done and we are mailing to you, this day, thirty-five (35) copies.

A modest bill to cover the cost of paper and postage is being directed to the Department of Racial and Cultural Relations.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

SAME LETTER SENT TO ALL CONTRIBUTORS TO THE
GEORGE S. MITCHELL TRIBUTE FUND

May 23, 1957

Miss Mary E. Frayser
Box 41, Winthrop College
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Miss Frayser:

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your recent contribution to the George S. Mitchell Fund. These funds will go toward continuing the work of the Southern Regional Council.

In turn, we will be happy to see that your best wishes are forwarded to the Mitchells.

This contribution and your continued moral support of the work of the Council are invaluable in the period ahead. For both, we are deeply grateful.

Sincerely yours,

M. A. Wright,
President

MAW/mf
Encl. - 1 official receipt

COPY TO ALL STATE DIRECTORS, INCLUDING TENN.* & MISS.*, 6-6-57

*"FOR YOUR INFORMATION"

Southern Regional Council, Inc.

ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E. ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

JAckson 2-8764

HAROLD C. FLEMING
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

May 23, 1957

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

MEMORANDUM

TO: DIRECTORS OF SRC STATE AFFILIATES AND CONSULTANTS

FROM: JOHN HOPE II, CHIEF CONSULTANT, CONSULTANT SERVICE PROGRAM, SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

SUBJECT: THE CONSULTANT SERVICE PROGRAM -- PURPOSE, REQUISITES FOR EFFECTIVENESS, AND SCOPE

The major purpose of the Consultant Service Program (CSP) is to provide technical assistance in program development to SRC affiliates and other groups whose objectives are similar or compatible with those of SRC, e.g., the elimination of segregation and discrimination based upon race in the Southern economy. It seeks to provide professional guidance on how to achieve democratic race relations; not persuasive advocates to foster and promote acceptance of the principle. Effective implementation of the policy, not its establishment, is emphasized.

Such assistance is provided by a panel of consultants highly qualified by formal training, experience, and temperament, who are available on a part-time basis to organizations, community groups, official bodies concerned with and/or committed to the desegregation process. Initially, the service was confined primarily to the SRC state affiliates as an SRC service without cost to them, though it was available to outside groups on a cost or partial cost basis. From the start, this restriction in scope of service was simply based upon limitations of resources and the recognition of a priority to members of the SRC family. But the operations of the first few months clearly demonstrated a broader need for such aid to unaffiliated local groups and official bodies if the common aims of these and SRC affiliates were to be achieved expeditiously and efficiently.

Foundation aid was sought and obtained which now allows us to provide technical assistance to non-SRC as well as SRC affiliated local as well as state or regional groups on basis of need and their ability to effectively use such resources either without cost or on basis of their ability to pay for it. This, it is believed, has greatly extended the range of potential availability of technical assistance in program development, community organization, etc. to groups fostering the goals and spirit of the Desegregation Decision in the South and has further increased the flexibility and efficiency with which these professional talents can be allocated so as to gain maximum positive results for the region as a whole.

On the other hand, it places a heavier burden upon SRC and state affiliate staff members to publicize the CSP and in a sense "selling" the services to potential users. Figuratively speaking, the writer and, indeed, the SRC as a whole, is a broker whose function is to bring together in the most effective way those groups or key individuals who have need for such professional services and those who possess the talents required but are not organizationally situated so as to focus them where they can be most fruitful in gaining SRC objectives. Since the resources of the CSP are limited, all requests for assistance cannot be accepted however deserving they might be. Rather, our role appears to be that of choosing from the requests submitted those which appear to be most promising and most likely to be multiplying and accelerating in their impact upon the productivity and sophistication of leadership, those which will not only render needed high level scarce services to groups involved in our cause but may activate and encourage other groups to similarly employ and finance such skills. Ours is the task of complementing and supplementing existing (and sometimes dormant) resources in the community, not competing with them; of providing the additional element that may motivate liberal groups to constructive action and prevent frustrating inertia in the face of complex and discouraging obstacles; of supporting the dedicated and effective volunteer layman with limited technical skill and advice at the time and point of need and getting out of his way when he is ready to move forward unaided,with skill, understanding, and courage.

But the function of administration of the CSP goes far beyond mere brokerage of a given service. The service itself though requiring a definite level and type of formal training as social scientists or practitioners, must be subtly and deftly tailored to the individual needs of each group and frequently is not separable from a particular consultant. Such a person through temperament, personality, or experience may give as a part of his total professional contribution a unique element (or spark) that gives his service a plus value in particular situations -- and, indeed, may conceivably provide a negative one in others.

Consequently, if the CSP is to be equal to the varied types of present demands and ready to meet new ones as they arise, the panel must be varied enough in its composition to provide maximum flexibility without loss of the basic common qualifications necessary for overall efficiency. On the other hand, if lofty standards are to be maintained, the consultants should receive frequent enough assignments to motivate their continuous awareness and study of new developments in the Southern situation and periodic re-evaluation of the situation as scholars. Thus, in terms of present limits of resources and consultation opportunities, very real restrictions on panel size are necessary, while pressure for overall competence and flexibility seem to increase as the demands move closer to the specific friction points, e.g., the local community with a pending court order, the school board, the park commission, etc. Under these conditions, the consultant is challenged to give rather specific suggestions to fit the particular conditions, advise as to whether particular plans or strategies seem sound or not.

Therefore, effective administration of the CSP, in addition to bringing consultant and consultee together, depends upon the extent to which the composition of the panel includes and the program utilizes the blend of specialties and high professional qualifications needed to meet varied demands; the extent to which the individual consultants are able to accept assignments when requested; the amount and quality of their preparation for assignments, and the support given by SRC research and information facilities.

A clear distinction should be made between efforts aimed at gaining adherents and achieving acceptance of the principle of equality and the policy of desegregation and integration, and those directed to the application of these principles and policies with maximum speed and efficiency and a minimum of overt conflict. Both of these are necessary and should be pursued by staffs of all state affiliates but the emphasis given to each will vary from state to state at a given time and in each state from time to time. It is imperative that the director always have clearly in mind which of these aims he seeks, or the relative significance of each, in every project developed -- policy acceptance or effective implementation of policy in specific program areas chosen to fit the needs of a particular community -- because the best techniques for achieving these respective goals are not necessarily the same.

The primary field of operation and usefulness of the CSP is the latter -- implementing the letter and spirit of the Desegregation Decision. Its major sphere of operation is among organizations and strategically placed individual community leaders who have accepted in principle, at least, the Desegregation Decision and those who, without regard to their personal attitude, are by their positions impelled to seek its implementation (or to maintain order and avoid illegal opposition) — willingly or unwillingly. The CSP should prepare to assist those who are working for implementation whether through personal conviction, organizational involvement and consequent implicit acceptance of group discipline, or administrative responsibility to implement laws, court orders, etc. applied to their employer.

Its prime target is thus leadership, not rank-and-file membership; those in a position to motivate, multiply, and accelerate affirmative action, not followers. Therefore, efforts at "selling" the CSP should be aimed at leadership groups who for some reason are ready to at least consider action. This is where the state and SRC staffs should cooperate as broker. The success of this operation requires rifle shot, not shotgun, methods of promotion; careful choice of persons or groups who can most profitably use consultant service; and specific promotional efforts, mainly personal, aimed at encouraging them to seek such help. Mimeographed general mailings are not likely to be effective and may alert the opposition thus generating counteractive efforts which may unnecessarily cause the diversion of some of our efforts to defensive channels.

The following are some of the organizational frameworks through which, it is felt, the CSP can be effective in the next two or three year period which may be used as a basis for determining where it can be useful in strengthening and broadening program:

I. SRC state affiliates and their local units, with emphasis upon more promising local community situations. (Utilize the assistance and other organizational contacts and associations of board members in developing opportunities.)

II. Assistance to and coordination with other organizations and agencies insofar as they are promoting activities with goals similar to ours, including purely local groups and local units of national, regional, or state organizations.

   A. Religious groups, e.g., United Church Women, Council of Jewish Women and other Jewish groups, the Catholic Interracial Committee, the organizations of various religious denominations and/or their subordinate agencies and commissions concerned with our cause; local inter-denominational ministerial associations, etc.

   B. Civic Organizations, e.g., League of Women Voters, American Association of University Women, PTAs, etc.

   C. Professional Organizations, e.g., organization of social workers, nurses, etc.; Council of Social Agencies; etc.

D. Organizations of Economic groups.

1. Labor Unions.

2. Business and Industrial Organizations and Service Clubs, e.g., Chambers of Commerce (Sr. and Jr.), Kiwanis, Lions, Rotary, and other such clubs.

III. Official governmental bodies concerned with problems of desegregation and the elimination of discrimination.

A. Departments and/or Boards of Education (local, state) and their administrative heads.

B. Law enforcement officials and/or agencies, e.g., municipal police chiefs, commissioners, etc.; county sheriffs; state officials (patrol, troopers, rangers, etc.); state guard.

C. Public transportation officials and commissions and their administrative heads (municipal, county, state).

D. Public recreation officials and their administrative heads (municipal, county, state).

E. Other public bodies concerned with segregation and discrimination, e.g., industrial or labor and industry commissions; health and welfare commissions; etc.

Among the principal methods by which consultants can serve the above groups are the following:

I. By the use of consultant teams working in group study situations of leaders or policy level officials, with participation usually by invitation only.

A. Developing plans and contributing (some or all) consultants or resource persons needed for a workshop, institute, or conference, by invitation from the consultee group and in participation with it.

B. Selecting and providing resource persons in particular problem areas for participation in workshops, conferences, etc. of other organizations, usually as part of a larger group of consultants, e.g., the LeMoyne Race Relations Conference.

II. By the use of technical assistance on a specific problem from a consultant with specialized competence in that particular problem area. Such aid is likely to come from

> one consultant and conceivably could involve a more sustained association than is characteristic of workshops and conferences. Consultants for this purpose may or may not be members of our panel and some may not be used more than once.

The choice of method for a given consultant service request will depend upon the specific needs and circumstances involved.

May 23, 1957

Miss Dorothy E. Hampton
1503 Benehan Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Miss Hampton:

We deeply regret the mistake made in our directory concerning your address. We have corrected this, as you will note from the enclosed revised directory. In addition, we will see that Mrs. Puryear is also listed as a consultant.

Unfortunately, a number of directories were distributed before you called the mistake to our attention. However, I trust that you will not be too inconvenienced by this.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Encl.

May 23, 1957

Mr. Hodding Carter
Delta-Democrat-Times
Greenville, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Carter:

Enclosed you will find a collection of materials related to your phone request of the 22nd. Two copies of each of these materials have been sent to Dean Rex. In addition, we are sending him a copy of our special report on resistance groups. This report is now being revised and we will forward to you and to Dean Rex the more current copy in the next several days.

There is no substantial cost involved. We are happy to be in a position to help in this very important work of your committee.

If we can supply any additional material, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Encl.

May 23, 1957

Dear Bob:

During the State Staff Conference, Harold Fleming and I held individual meetings with each of you on Tuesday evening. At that time we discussed the financial situation of your state organization and gave you a resume of its status.

The dates on the paper read "As of April 1st, 1957." They should read "As of May 1st, 1957." Please make this correction.

This in no way changes the figures involved.

See attached corrected version.

Attached note forwarded to:

Alabama	Bob Hughes
Arkansas	Nat Griswold
Florida	Bill Williams
Kentucky	Verbenna Scott
Louisiana	Milton Vigo
North Carolina	Harry Jones
South Carolina	Alice Spearman
Texas	Ed Kloppe

May 23, 1957

Dr. Robert G. Stephens, Director
Workshop in Intergroup Relations
Welborn House
Indiana University
Bloomington, Indiana

Dear Dr. Stephens:

Many thanks for your letter of May 21. It contains all the information I need for my participation in the Workshop in Intergroup Relations on the evening of Wednesday, July 17.

The air-conditioned room with "detached bath" is quite satisfactory. I hope you will invite me back when the new Student Union is complete.

Best regards and I look forward to seeing you at Bloomington.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

May 23, 1957

Mrs. Thelma Richman
Women's Division
American Jewish Congress
Stephen Wise Congress House
15 East 84th Street
New York 28, New York

Dear Thelma Richman:

Thank you for your letter of May 14th with the very kind words about my part in the panel on the evening of May 7th. I enjoyed being with the Women's Division of the A. J. Congress. I found them to be an intelligent and attentive audience.

I too was happy that I could attend the less formal gatherings later in the evening. There is nothing like face to face contact in small groups to help people know and understand each other. Any time I can be of help to you or the Women's Division, please let me know.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

May 23, 1957

Dr. Dean George Epley, Chairman
Department of Human Relations
University of Miami
Coral Gables 46, Florida

Dear Dean:

I have received your letter of May 15th and would have replied sooner but for the heavy schedule of conferences in which we now find ourselves.

I will be happy to serve on the membership committee of NAIRO. As you know, I am at the present time a member of the Board and Chairman of the Commission on Education.

Warm regards to you and Don.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

May 23, 1957

Mrs. J. H. Wilcox
1816 Lake Avenue
Knoxville 16, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Wilcox:

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you and the Unitarian Service Committee on obtaining the services of Galen Martin as Director of the Special Project in the Knoxville area.

We hated to lose Galen as the Director of the Kentucky Council on Human Relations. We considered him to be one of our most able professionals. He did an outstanding job in Kentucky, winning thereby the respect and admiration of the Negro and progressive white communities as well as that of other professionals.

As you probably know, we have a group of professional consultants who work with the Kentucky Council. They are college professors, school administraters, and other specialists who give on a professional fee basis several days a month to the work of the Kentucky Council. Without exception, they speak highly of Mr. Martin's competency, his organizational ability, and his friendly, cooperative spirit.

Frankly, we hated to lose him to you but we could not offer him the same security of tenure which the Unitarian Service Committee could provide.

Warm regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

May 24, 1957

Mr. Irwin Schulman
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
41 Exchange Place, S.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Irv:

Thanks very much for your letter of May 23rd. I am looking forward to receiving the complimentary copy of "Regional Problems and Issues in Human Relations Education," containing a summary of the proceedings of the Southwide Conference in Human Relations Education.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

May 24, 1957

Mr. Julius Schatz
Community Service Bureau
American Jewish Congress
Stephen Wise Congress House
15 East 84th Street
New York 28, New York

Dear Mr. Schatz:

Thank you for your letter of May 22nd and the check covering my expenses in connection with attendance at the Convention of the Women's Division of the American Jewish Congress.

Once again may I say that I found the Convention both stimulating and constructive, and I hope that you will call on the staff of the Southern Regional Council at any time in the future when our services may be of use to you.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

May 27, 1957

Mr. Harold L. Langer
Texas Christian University
Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Harold:

Thank you for your letter of May 24th and am happy that I was able to help you obtain the services of Jack Marion for your Institute. He is really "top drawer."

I am embarrassed that you have not received your subscription to New South after forwarding a membership fee to Ed Kloppe of the Texas Council. I will take this up with him immediately. However, there is no need to wait 'til you hear from him to start sending you New South. I will send back copies under separate cover and enter your name on the subscription list. I am also embarrassed that he did not reply to your subsequent letter asking cooperation on planning your Institute. This will also be taken up with him.

I am sending you the pamphlets you requested for which there will be no charge. We will keep the 40¢ which you sent and mail you "Integregation North and South," which costs 40¢. I believe you will find it well worth the money.

If I can be of any help at any time, please feel free to call on me.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FRB/mf

Sent to: All exec. directors of
state affiliates except
Ga., Tenn. and Miss.

27 May 57

MEMORANDUM

To: State Executive Directors

From: Fred Routh

Subject: NEW SOUTH for January, 1957

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We have exhausted our supply of New South for January 1957, yet requests for this issue still come from lay people.

We send each state organization ten (10) extra copies of each issue of New South and it would be of considerable help to us if you would return to us as many of the January issue as you can spare.

Please give this your prompt attention.

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May 27, 1957

Reverend Edward J. Kloppe
Executive Director
Texas Commission on Race Relations
504 West 24th Street
Austin, Texas

Dear Ed:

Enclosed you will find a copy of a letter which embarrassed me to write, and yet it was necessary to do.

I think you are making a rather grievous mistake in not cultivating people of the caliber of Harold Lunger. The Institute which is going to be held at TCU in early July would be a splendid opportunity for the Texas Council to become known by a group of ministers from across the State. I suggest that you get in touch with Mr. Lunger.

I have entered, as you will note in my letter to him, his name in the file to receive New South. I trust that this meets with your approval.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/mf

May 27, 1957

Mr. John H. Marion
Executive Director
Virginia Council on Human Relations
100 East Franklin Street
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Jack:

Ruth and I have gone over the financial figures for the Virginia Council. We discovered that the amounts we discussed during the State conference were correct. However, the date on the paper was not. I am enclosing a corrected version of this paper. You will note on the back that there is a break-down of how money has been spent and purposes for which money remains. I hope that this clarified this matter.

I certainly hope that your Board or Executive Committee will give careful consideration to the future of the Virginia Council as a staff operation. I do not believe that we, in the parent organisation, should twist the arms of State lay leadership, but the big break-through in the wall of segregation, we believe, will come in Virginia, North Carolina and Tennessee. Certainly it would seem necessary that the Virginia Council be alive and functioning at that time. It is even possible that this may come this fall.

If I can be of any help, please let me know.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

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May 27, 1957

Mrs. Julia F. Jackson, Chairman
Great Issues Committee
Morris Brown College
Atlanta 14, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Jackson:

Thank you for your letter of May 21st asking me to participate in the "Great Issues" series at Morris Brown. I note in your letter that the date you suggested for this is Monday, November 4th at 7:00 p.m. I will be glad to be able to accept this date and have entered it on my calendar. I would appreciate a note from you about the end of October reminding me of this.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/mf

May 27, 1957

Director of Research
Republican National Committee
1625 "I" Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Please send us a copy of your report on the 1956 election results which was reported on in AP News Stories of May 20, 1957.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving,
Research Assistant

FBI:fc

May 27, 1957

Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination
and Protection of Minorities
Committee on Human Rights
The United Nations
New York

Gentlemen:

If your recently issued "Study of Discrimination In Education" is available, please send us a copy. If it is not distributed directly from the Committee, please advise us how we may secure a copy of the report.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving,
Research Assistant

FBI:fc

May 27, 1957

Dr. Charles H. Thompson
Editor, Journal of Negro Education
Howard University
Washington 1, D. C.

Dear Dr. Thompson:

Thank you for Mr. Roady's report on Florida. Mr. Fleming has given me the articles by Messers. McCain and Fenton and the material which you sent him earlier. I will forward my chapter to you prior to your deadline. In the meantime, if you have additional suggestions about its form and content, please inform me of these.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Florence B. Irving,
Research Assistant

FBI:fc

May 27, 1957

Mr. Loren P. Beth
Professor ~~Medical~~ Political Science
University of Florida
Gainesville, Fla.

Dear Mr. Beth:

I am sending you two reports on suffrage which were issued by the Southern Regional Council. We expect to issue a current report on Negro registration and voting within a few weeks. We will send you a copy of this report.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving,
Research Assistant

FBI:fc

May 27, 1957

Via Air Mail Special Del.

Mrs. S. J. Jordan
12 10th Avenue
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Jordan:

It is with sincere apologies that I begin this letter. Unfortunately, I have had a hospital experience and my mail became involved and I did not see your letter until yesterday.

My schedule is open so that I can be with you and will be delighted to teach the Course, "Social Witness of the Local Church in the Ecumenical Movement." I am sending this letter Air Mail Special Delivery in the hope that it won't be too late.

Looking forward to being with you, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly,
Director of Women's Work

MET:cj

May 27, 1957

VIA AIR MAIL

Mrs. Lillian Saville
Lambuth Inn
Lake Junaluska, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Saville:

Please make reservations for a double room for my husband and me for June 2nd through June 7th. We will be in attendance at the Ecumenical Institute .

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

MET:fj

May 27, 1957

Dr. W. D. Weatherford
Berea College
Berea, Kentucky

Dear Dr. Weatherford:

The complimentary copy of your book has just reached my desk. This book will come in well with two of the study courses the women will have this year. One of these is the "Social Witness of the Local Church in the Ecumenical Movement," and the other is, "Christ, the Church and Race."

I shall use it as a reference book in the Conference schools that I will have this Summer and will recommend it to those in the class who will teach in district and local classes.

Thank you so much for the copy which you sent to me.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly,
Director of Women's Work

MET:cj

May 27, 1957

Dr. W. L. Cunningham,
Director of Leadership Education,
The General Board of Education-The Methodist Church
P. O. Box 871
Nashville 2, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Cunningham:

Some days ago, I wrote to borrow some books from the Library that would bear on the study course, "Social Witness of the Local Church in the Ecumenical Movement." with the Book, In Every Place a Voice. Thus far, I have not received any lists from you. I would certainly appreciate some help on this.

Furthermore, I must be accredited on this course to teach at the W. S. C. S. School of Missions, Camden, South Carolina, beginning June 24th.

Thanking you for your help.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

MET:cj

May 27, 1957

Rev. Robert E. Hughes,
Executive Director,
Alabama Council on Human Relations
1218 Comer Building
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Bob Hughes,

I suppose someton has told you that I have been a victim of a hospital experience. I am all right now, however. In answer to your questions:

1. Here in the South, the Council of Church Women are integrated in the following states: Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee Georgia, Florida, and Texas.

2. The Fellowship of the Concerned is out and beyond the Council of Church Women but always has their cooperation. When we have a meeting of the Fellowship of the Concerned, each denomination of the South, Jews Catholics and Protestants sends in the list of women to be invited. In our South-wide meeting last fall, a Catholic Priest was the leader of our workshop, a Jewish Rabbi wrote one of the worships services. Dr. A. C. Miller, a Baptist minister spoke to us three times giving biblical basis for Human Rights.

In some instances, the Christian Social Relations Chairman of the United Church women has chaired the meeting in the State, but this is not always true. It looks now as if a Jewish lawyer, a v ery fine woman from Tennessee will chair the meeting.

As you know, we always find funds to pay transportation and entertainment for those in attendance.

I hope I have clarified these matters for you. There is one other thing I might say, we have always invited the State Chairman of the Council on Human Relations and they usually attend.

With best wishes to you, Mrs. Hughes and the little one, I remain,

Sincerely yours

MET:cj

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

May 28, 1957

Presbyterian Distribution Service
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Gentlemen:

Enclosed, please find check for $2.50 for which, send me one hundred (100) copies of "Vegetables and People."

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

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May 28, 1957

Mr. Will D. Campbell,
Associate Executive,
Dept. of Racial and Cultural Relations,
National Council of Churches of Christ, U. S.A.
1716 West End Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Campbell:

Sometime ago, I asked you to find for me a copy of the book on, The Part the Church Played in the War Between the States. I will be teaching in the Summer Schools of Missionary Education in several states of the South and I could make good use of the book.

With deep appreciation of what you are doing in the field of Human Relations for our South, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly,
Director of Women's Work

MET:aj

P. S. I do not know the price of the book or I would enclose a check, please send the bill.

May 28, 1957

Chief W. A. Rudasill,
Police Department
Alpharetta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Rudasill:

I happen to be a Methodist woman who has held a South-wide job in the Woman's Society of Christian Service, was born in a Methodist parsonage and you may know that I have been concerned all of my life about social problems.

I do want to add my word of congratulations to that Editorial in the Atlanta Constitution this morning. I know you have only been doing your duty but not all officers carry out their oath of office.

Please accept my thanks.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

MET:cj

May 28, 1957

Mrs. Gladys C. Lawther
Seabeck, Washington

Dear Mrs. Lawther:

In response to a letter from your secretary, we are sending you, under separate cover, 30 copies of back issues of New South to use for possible subscriptions to the magazine.

We do appreciate your interest in the Southern Regional Council's publications; and if we can be of additional help, please do not hesitate to write us.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:cj

separate cover:

May 28, 1957

Mr. Dumont F. Kenny
National Program Director
The National Conference of Christians
and Jews, Inc.
43 West 57th Street
New York 19, New York

Dear Mr. Kenny:

I was very sorry to learn that the late notice of the Inter-agency meeting makes it impossible for the NCCJ to be represented.

I agree with you entirely that more ample notice should be provided, and as future such meetings are held, it will be our aim to do so. We scheduled this one with some misgivings and only because several of the agencies advised us in mid-May that it would not be possible for them to participate in June. In view of their urging that the meeting be held before the end of May, we proceeded as we did.

We will be sending a copy of the minutes to both you and Dr. Lovejoy.

With all good wishes.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

May 28, 1957

Dr. Rufus E. Clement
President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Clement:

Thank you for your letter of May 25th informing me of Bishop Moore's reaction to your request that he join in signing the statement on the origin of the Southern Regional Council.

As I mentioned in our brief conversation the other day, Mr. Wright's feeling was that such a statement signed by the surviving incorporators, would be an important, historical, document. We should be perfectly happy to have Bishop Moore and, if he feels similarly, Mr. McGill sign the statement with the understanding that it will not be given publicity or any circulation whatever, but will become a part of the permanent files of SRC.

If you feel that such a further approach by you to Bishop Moore is warranted, I will appreciate your undertaking it and I am sure Mr. Wright will also.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

CC: JOHN CONSTABLE

May 28, 1957

Mr. Harry Evans
c/o International Fellowships
Division
The Commonwealth Fund
1 East 75th Street
New York 21, New York

Dear Mr. Evans:

I, too, am sorry that we did not meet while you were in Atlanta.

We are sending you, separately, a few of our publications and are adding you to our complimentary mailing list for New South. We should be very glad to see your articles on segregation. Do keep in mind the fact that we will be happy, at any time, to supply such information as we can in response to a mail query.

I detect a slight confusion in your letter. "Southern School News" is published by the Southern Education Reporting Service - a separate organization. Their informational materials are very useful, and I should think that you might want to write them also.

With best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

May 28, 1957

Mr. L. D. Milton, President
Citizens Trust Company
212 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Milton:

This is to acknowledge with appreciation your recent letters confirming order and/or purchase of securities totaling $199,326.18.

We are grateful for the promptness and skill in which you handled these transactions for us to the best advantage of interest income to the Southern Regional Council.

I am sure that our officers and Board members will want to join me in this expression of thanks and kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

May 28, 1957

Mrs. Marie K. Driggs
Executive Secretary
New York Fund for Children, Inc.
100 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mrs. Driggs:

I can't tell you how pleased and strengthened we were by the generous grant from the New York Fund for Children. The $10,000 grant for 1957 and the assurance of future support, in diminishing amounts, for the two succeeding years do much to free more staff time and energy for the program activities which are so badly needed now in the South.

In accordance with our request, we will apply these grants in such a way as to extend and make more effective those activities which more directly affect the welfare of the South's children. You will receive our monthly publication, New South and, from time to time, progress reports on the Council's program and finances.

You may be interested to know that the Fund for the Republic, meeting on the same day as the New York Fund for Children, approved a three-year grant to the Council for $200,000. This provides, roughly, one-third of our budget for the period and, together with your recurring support, will give us a substantial base on which to build future support.

Please convey our warmest appreciation to the Board of the New York Fund for Children.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Encl. - 1 official receipt

May 28, 1957

Mr. J. M. Dabbs
Rip Raps Plantation
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

I am sorry for this delay in answering your recent letter, but we have been submerged in one two-day conference~~s~~ after another for the past week or more.

Our per diem fee for regional consultants is $35.00. I should think you would want to apply for at least 1½ times this amount for travel, since most of your appearances will be one-day stands. In terms of our experience with the consultants we would think of this as a conservative figure. It would probably be safer for you to estimate twice the amount of the fee for your travel and other expenses.

I shall be waiting hopefully to hear how your proposal comes out.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

CC: John Constable

May 28, 1957

Mr. Walter B. Wheeler
Associate Director
Public Affairs Press
419 New Jersey Avenue, S. E.
Washington 3, D. C.

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

Thank you for your letter of May 14th and the review copy of Mr. Woofter's book, Southern Race Progress.

I am enclosing a list of our state affiliates. I am sure they would be glad to receive notice of the book's publication, and we shall call attention to it in our own bulletin.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Encl. - 1 list of state affiliates

May 28, 1957

Mr. Edward B. Orr
Editorial Writer
The Christian Science Monitor
One Norway Street
Boston 15, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Orr:

You may indeed be sure that other people, notably SRC, drop fly balls. We are deeply embarrassed and apologetic about the erroneous credit line on Dr. Mays' article in the March New South.

John Constable, our Director of Information, was in left field when this one went by, but he proposes to run a correction in the next issue. We don't agree that the Christian Century is a more reputable source and would like to salve our consciences by setting it straight.

Incidentally, we operate on the bold assumption that we are free to reprint material from the Christian Science Monitor - with proper credit of course! I hope we aren't off base on that.

I have not yet seen your editorial comment on the third anniversary of the school decision, but I am looking forward to seeing it as soon as our reference department brings it up.

With warm regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

BLIND CC: JOHN CONSTABLE

May 28, 1957

Mr. Leo M. Coogan
c/o Mr. Edgar B. Stern
2110 American Bank Building
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Coogan:

I was greatly embarrassed to find that our routine billing machinery for New South had caused a renewal notice to be sent to Mr. Stern. It was very kind of you to respond so promptly with a check, which I am returning.

We have taken steps to see that Mr. Stern's name appears on our complimentary New South mailing list, so that there will not be a recurrence of this accidental billing.

With apologies for the inconvenience this may have caused and kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Encl. - 1 check ($2.00)
#29565

Reading File

5-29-57

MEMORANDUM

To: Central Office Staff

From: Emory Via

The National Council of Churches has recently released a 16 mm. color film, with sound, entitled, "The Broken Mask." This film deals in a fairly dramatic way with the problem of a prejudiced white youth coming into contact with a Negro youth in a summer church camp or institute. The film moves from this association to the college town where both youths are enrolled in school. "Unthinkingly" the Negro youth is invited to the church of the white youth - now that prejudice between the two is gone - and subsequently, the Negro youth is invited to join the church. This causes, shall we say, a furor. The film goes on to indicate that there really is a reaction in the congregation; the stand of the minister - forthrightly for Christ. Part of the punch of the film is that it gives some indication of the personal trials and tribulations which the Negro youth undergoes, and it also scores the point that whites have a positive role to play in the "pushing" process. This film did not set at all well with the two Chemical Workers who sat in on our preview of it at the Lake Junaluska school; however, I think that you should know that it is available, and even though it seems to be aimed at Northern church groups who need to consider taking Negroes into their congregations, it may well be that there are a number of places where it could be used in the South.

HCF
FBR
MET
JC

May 29, 1957

The U.S. Government Printing Office
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Please send me one copy of The Federal Budget in Brief - Fiscal Year, 1957, published by the Bureau of the Budget. I am enclosing .25¢ in stamps to cover the cost of this item. I would also like to obtain a copy of The American Workers Fact Book, 1956, published by the Department of Labor. If there is a charge for the Fact Book please bill me, or if this is not possible, please let me know the amount per single copy.

Please send both publications to me in care of the following address:

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia.

Yours truly,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm
Enclosure

May 29, 1957

Mr. Emil Starr
Education Director
Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America
15 Union Square
New York 3, New York

Dear Emil:

Some time ago you asked me when the film on George Mitchell's map talk would be available. The film, "The Face of the South," was produced by the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. The department of that church responsible for this undertaking has written us concerning the film as follows: "The George Mitchell film is completed. We have one copy in our hands. I am authorising Motion Picture Laboratories (1672 Union Avenue, Memphis 4, Tennessee) to sell prints direct to legitimate purchasers upon order. Our office is not set up to perform any merchandising or order taking. My understanding is that the cost of the film will be something in the neighborhood of $115.00 to $125.00 per copy. Have not been informed as to the précise cost. Your procedure, therefore, would be to order direct from Motion Picture Laboratories in Memphis."

At this point we know nothing about any rental arrangement. When such information is available we will be happy to let you know about it. Of course, it is entirely possible that one of the unions or some other agency might include this film in their own audio-visual library.

If you find your way into these Southern parts, I hope that you will be sure to look us up. I will soon send you some information on a special union staff training institute, which we are holding in conjunction with the Fisk Race Relations Institute. It may be that you have already received some such information from Ben Segal. In any case, you could be of real service to us by making suggestions of staff persons or knowledgeable local leaders who might participate in this undertaking.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

May 29, 1957

Friendship Press, Inc.
257 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Gentlemen:

Enclosed, please find check for $1.25 for which, please send me ten (10) copies of, "I Have Spoken to My Children," by Darius Leander Swann.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

MET:cj

enclosure: 1

May 30, 1957

Mrs. Molly Todd
Acting President
Tennessee Council on Human Relations, Inc.
2005 Grand Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Todd:

We were tremendously pleased to hear that Dr. Miller has agreed to assume the presidency of the Tennessee Council. We share your hope and optimism that this means the beginning of a period of ~~active~~ effective activities for your group.

Fred Routh informs me that he reached you by telephone this morning and gave you an account of what the Tennessee Council may expect in the way of financial aid from the Southern Regional Council. This letter will confirm the understandings that he gave you on the telephone.

We are making available to the Tennessee Council $500.00 from the current year's allocation to be used for a meeting of the State Board and the rent of the state office through the summer.

It is understood that, should professional staff be employed between now and October 1, 1957, a prorated amount based on the annual allocation of $10,000 will be available for salary and other expenses through September 30th.

As for the year beginning October 1st, we expect to make available for aid to the state groups a total amount of $40,000. This amount will be distributed among the staffed organizations now affiliated with SRC on the basis of written applications from the state groups setting forth their expectations for program, staff, expenses, and fund-raising for the coming fiscal year.

The amount of aid granted by SRC will probably be distributed on a quarterly basis. A memorandum setting forth the details of this arrangement will be sent to you shortly.

All of us here appreciate your devoted efforts to get the Tennessee Council operating effectively.

You have our good wishes and best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

cc: Dr. A. C. Miller

May 30, 1957

Mrs. J. W. Robinson
241 Wiema Street
Bamberg, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Robinson:

Please let me know what time I am supposed to be in Camden for our School of Missions.

I will fly to Columbia and then, I suppose, get a bus to Camden. I will, of course, make the necessary arrangements.

Looking forward to being with you, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

MET:cj

May 30, 1957

Mrs. William C. Smith
231 Broad Street
Portsmouth, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Smith:

As I did not have anyone from the United Church Women of Virginia at our workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned in Atlanta last year, I want you to begin to see when we can have a similar state worshop bringing in the Protestants, Catholics and Jews as we did here.

I am afraid that I will not get to see you at Junaluska this year for schedule is getting too crowded but if you will write to me, I will appreciate it.

It was good to see you in Washington and have the hours with you.

Love and best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

MET:cj

May 30, 1957

Mrs. Tommie B. Stroud
2524 Old Oaks Drive
Waco, Texas

Dear Mrs. Stroud:

First of all, I want to say that I sincerely hope that the floods and tornados have not hurt you or yours. Of course, everyday as we heard it over the radio, I thought of you.

When can we have a Workshop in Texas following up the one in Atlanta last year? If you can give me some date, we can begin notifying soms of the Jewish women and Catholic women to be present.

Awaiting your reply, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

MET:cj

May 30, 1957

Mrs. Mary Lena Wisehart
25 W. Villa Place
Fort Thomas, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Wisehart:

I am writing to you for some advice. We certainly do want to have a Workshop in Kentucky as a follow-up to the one of the Fellowship of the Concerned held here. Would it be possible to have a committee meeting of those who attended the Atlanta meeting? This could be on Saturday, after our School of Missions, either in London or some other place or I could stay over until Monday. Please give me your thinking on this.

Looking forward to seeing you at London.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

MET:cj

May 30, 1957

Mr. Nat R. Griswold,
Executive Director,
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
211 South Izard Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat,

We are mailing you one copy of the film, "The Face of the South," which you saw at the State staff meeting. You should remember that this is only a work copy and not a finished product. We are buying one of the finished copies but do not know when this will be available as yet.

You will, also, remember that the sound was not quite synchronized when it was shown at Atlanta University but we are told that this is the fault of the projectionist rather than the film itself.

Appreciated your kind remarks concerning New South. Let me know if you need additional copies.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:cj

film sent under separate cover:

May 30, 1957

May 30, 1957

Motion Picture Laboratories
1672 Union Avenue
Memphis 4, Tennessee

Dear Sirs:

H. B. Sissel of the Board of Christian Education, Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, has informed us that you are handling the distribution of the film, "The Face of the South." We would like one copy of this film at the earliest possible time since we already have some requests for the showing of the film.

Please bill Southern Regional Council for the cost of the film and thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:cj

May 30, 1957

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Acting President
Tennessee Council on Human Relations, Inc.
2005 Grand Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

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Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

cc: Dr. A. C. Miller

May 30, 1957

Mr. Maxwell Hahn
Executive Vice-President
The Field Foundation, Inc.
250 Fifth Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Hahn:

The meeting of agencies, just held at Atlanta University, was a well attended and useful session. I, too, am sorry that you could not be present, but I will be glad to see that you receive a report of the proceedings.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

May 30, 1957

Dr. A. C. Miller
Executive Secretary
The Christian Life Commission of the
Southern Baptist Convention
161 Eighth Avenue, North
Nashville 3, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Miller:

We were delighted to learn that you have consented to serve as chairman to the Tennessee Council on Human Relations. I don't have to tell you that all of us here feel that there could have been no better choice and are confident that under your leadership the Tennessee Council will make an important contribution to the progress of the State.

We have heard from Mrs. Todd and have advised her of the financial aid which the Tennessee Council can count on. I am enclosing a copy of my letter to her setting forth the details.

The Inter-agency meeting which ended yesterday was very well attended. You were much missed and our thoughts were with you as you undertook your important duties at the Southern Baptist Convention. I hope every success attends your efforts there. We will, of course, be sending you a summary account of what occurred at the meeting of agencies here.

With appreciation and warm regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Encl. - 1

May 30, 1957

The Law Firm of Bingham, Dana
and Gould
One Federal Street
Boston 10, Massachusetts

Dear Sirs:

This will acknowledge with appreciation the notice of probate of the will of the late Mr. William Emerson of Cambridge.

The Southern Regional Council will have no objection to make to the petition for probate filed by the proposed executors.

We shall greatly appreciate, however, any information that you may give us as to the way in which the Southern Regional Council figures in Mr. Emerson's will.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

May 30, 1957

Mrs. Robert Wilcox
Box 6082
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Wilcox:

It was wonderful to be with you the last First Sunday.

The Trial at Clinton, Tennessee begins on July 8th. Can you come with me there? I hope you have the time open for both of us certainly need to hear that trial.

Let me know as quickly as possible.

The best of wishes to you and I hope the Bishop will not move you.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Tilly

DT:cj

May 30, 1957

Mrs. E. D. Willis
430 E. State Street
Murfreesboro, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Willis:

Please let me know what time I am supposed to be at A. & I. University for the opening of our School of Missions on July 15th. I am going to be away from home so much until it is necessary for me to begin now to get my schedule in better shape. Thus, I am making an early request for this information.

Looking forward to being with you, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

MET:cj

May 31, 1957

Miss Gertrude Noar
Anti-Defamation League
212 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Gertrude:

Many thanks for the copy of the A.D.L.'s report: Regional Problems and Issues in Human Relations Education. I believe you have done a real service for the field by pulling together the reports of the various conferences held. I was pleased to find so many of my old friends in the index.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

May 31, 1957

Mr. Harry S. Jones
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
121 East Third Street, Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

Thanks a lot for your quick compliance with our request for any extra copies of the January issue of New South.

Best regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

May 31, 1957

Mr. Robert A. Hoffman
Executive Director
Board of Community Relations
1502 City Hall
Buffalo 2, New York

Dear Bob:

Many thanks for the report of the Board of Community Relations - "Ten Years of Growth." It gives a comprehensive picture of the organizational structure of your organization. I was also interested in the address of ~~"[illegible]~~" Williams, for I believe he will play an increasing role on the national scene as time goes on.

"Soapy" (corrected in letter)

Perhaps sometime it would be helpful in one of the publications to show exactly what procedures the Board uses in investigating a case. The supplementary report on Crystal Beach is an approach in this direction, but I think it would be of interest to your constituency to follow through an investigation.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

May 31, 1957

Miss Thelma Stevens
Woman's Division of Christian Service of the
Board of Missions of the Methodist Church
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Miss Stevens:

In accordance with your letter of May 28, 1957, we are mailing you, under separate cover, 30 packets of Southern Regional Council material. I have taken the liberty of removing one publication from the packet, and we are now able to sell the entire publications at $1.00 each.

As mentioned in my telephone conversation with you, we will hold the 45 packets of material for the Lincoln Leadership School until such a time when we can revise our Southern legislature material. However, this material will reach the College by June 20.

Again thanks very much for your generous help in distributing this material.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

May 31, 1957

Mrs. M. D. Kennedy, Dietitian
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Kennedy:

During the past week we have made heavy demands on the services of you and your staff. You have responded not only with efficiency, but with much patience.

Please know how deeply grateful we are.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

May 31, 1957

Mr. James E. Wolfe, Director
Research and Education
International Union of United Brewery Workers
2347 Vine Street
Cincinnati 19, Ohio

Dear Jim:

This will be a fullish answer to your letter of May 29, asking about the relation of unions to the Southern Regional Council and indicating your interest in our Union Staff Training Seminar.

First, the Council itself has no formal membership or affiliation other than its over-all board. This group is composed of some eighty Southerners. However, we do have affiliates in ten states and these organisations have membership. There is some labor participation in each of the state groups, but this is more often than not a matter of individual interest. A few states have asked for, and received, official union representatives to their executive boards.

The Council's own board has labor representation. Our Executive Committee, in fact, has the active participation of Paul Christopher, Director of AFL-CIO Region #8. Labor interest in the Council, and the Council's interest in labor, goes back to our foundings. The organizing meeting of the Council included Georgia CIO Director Charlie Gillman and Southern AFL Director George Googe.

Over the years we have valued the support, moral and financial, of labor unions. We have always thought that our work was of great relevance to the success of union organization and to the building of that kind of democratic society in which the labor movement has a deep interest. Frankly, we have never made a broadside appeal to the various unions for support. We should do much more in this direction because many unions would respond to the general area of our work as well as to our method of operation. Also, unions bear as much responsibility in this area as other groups, such as churches and the liberal foundations.

You will be interested to note that the following union groups have contributed to our work: the former AFL, the former CIO, the now merged AFL-CIO (their check for this year has just come in - the donation was upped from two to three thousand dollars), the UAW, Steelworkers, ILGWU, ACWA, Rubberworkers. Some of these contributions have been for $1,000.00, others for $500.00, one for around $250.00. Most of them have been on an annual basis.

Any union working the Southern region knows that it is an expensive operation to staff, travel, and to communicate over a region of twelve states; we do assist our state affiliates as well. We are responsible for keeping full-time and on-call personnel capable of operating anywhere in the South in the delicate and pressing field of race relations. We never feel that we have done enough, yet we do feel that we get a good return on the dollars invested.

We have good working relations with several of the national AFL-CIO departments; Franz Daniels of the organizing staff for this area, Boris Shiskin and George Weaver of the Civil Rights Department, and members of the staff of the Education Department have worked with members of our staff on occasion, understand basically what we are about and how, and, I believe, have confidence in our operation. We have friendly and cooperating relations with many of the regional offices centered here in Atlanta and elsewhere in the Southern region.

I am sure that you are aware of some of these details, but I thought it would be good for me to spell the story out a bit. I have included with this letter four pieces which give more information on the history and work of the Council; I have taken the liberty of underlining some sections that would be of special interest to you.

Now, as to the Brewery Workers. You asked a broad and leading question when you wanted to know what we expected from such a union. We have a primary interest in program, and yet we realize the necessity of having money in order to conduct any program at all. We are increasingly in the position of having to raise more money and from more diversified sources. Nevertheless, our work with a union is in no way contingent upon that union's financial support of our program. For instance, it is more important in our eyes, if a choice must be made, that the Brewery Workers be able to send as many of their Southern staff persons to the Staff Seminar than it would be to give money to SRC. However, my own evaluation here is that attendance at the Seminar is of direct aid to the union and individual staff reps, and that it is a legitimate union expenditure that should not stand in the way of a donation to worthwhile work in a field of interest to the union.

Frankly, though my job is not to conduct fund raising with union groups, I have been prepared to suggest several unions which should be solicited, and the Brewery Workers was included on that list. This is for the future; I would personally hope for a contribution of about five hundred dollars.

I think that your Southern staff people should know about us and our state affiliates. They should know that there are community persons to whom they can go for friendly and professional advice on matters relative to race relations problems that affect either the union or the community. Our state affiliates offer a place for an interested staff person or local to work effectively for better race relations.

I agree that your Southern staff should receive our materials; this would include the monthly publication, New South, and other special reports pertinent to union staff interests. The cost of the subscription to New South is only two dollars; however, such staff person should consider joining the appropriate state affiliate (approximately $5.00) and receiving New South as a part of that membership fee. I think that you already know that special pieces of literature which you would like to have in bulk can be obtained from us at, or near, cost.

In my own position I am ready to service union educational programs, to consult with union staff or leadership about problems that affect racial relations, pointing out other union experience in this field and the community resources available; in many instances staff guys themselves need to be shored up in their own best positions and to be reminded of the basic, and more imaginative, "arguments" that can be used with membership. My services are available even on a local union basis, but I would want to be in touch with the appropriate international staff person before making any move with a local.

Whatever efforts you can make toward getting Brewery Workers staff persons to the Fisk Institute would be appreciated from our point of view and beneficial, I believe, to the union as well. We would of course welcome all of the Southern staff persons that you feel would profit from the Seminar. I do hope that it will be possible for three or four of your people to attend and that you personally will spend as much time with us as you can. It would be a real help to get the names of those planning to attend as soon as possible.

My apologies for the length of this letter, but it is one of the costs of not seeing each other in person. I trust that most of the information you wanted is included herewith. Just ask if there is anything more - or if greater detail is needed.

It was good to hear from you. Best personal wishes.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

Enclosures South of Promise
Aims & Origins of SRC
Staff List
State Organizations

May 31, 1957

Mr. V. H. Williams
Executive Secretary
State Federated Labor Council
415 National Old Line Building
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Brother Williams:

Nat Griswold of the Arkansas Council on Human Relations has told me that he has talked with you regarding our union staff training seminar to be held in conjunction with the Fisk Institute on Race Relations. I am enclosing our general announcement of this program and some materials on the Fisk Institute itself. Your offer to give this program a push among staff persons in Arkansas is most appreciated. You would be the best judge of how widespread such an announcement should be; we are looking for those men or women in the labor movement who recognize that there are problems in meeting racial issues as they crop up in unions and who are wanting to find better ways of meeting these situations.

We have had a good cooperating relationship with several of the internationals and with the AFL-CIO. Just this week, the annual contribution from the AFL-CIO arrived; it had been increased from two to three thousand dollars. Such internationals as the Steelworkers, UAW, ILGWU, ACWA, and the Rubberworkers contribute to our budget; most of these donations are annual - two of them are for one thousand dollars. Members of our staff have worked cooperatively with staff members of several of the national AFL-CIO departments. Paul Christopher, Director, Region 8, AFL-CIO, is an active member of our Executive Committee. Several of our state affiliated organizations also have labor representation on their executive boards; I have close working relations with many of the regional offices located here in Atlanta and elsewhere as well as with some of the educational departments and civil rights departments of several of the internationals.

Just last week I was an instructor with the International Chemical Workers Summer School at Lake Junaluska, N.C.; several other schools or staff institutes will be serviced either by me or persons for whom we have helped make the arrangements. In March we held a two-day conference on labor and race relations problems; some eleven internationals sent regional and/or national representatives. Two AFL-CIO departments were represented.

I have deliberately gone into this much detail to give you as quick and clear a view of our relations with the labor movement as possible - this, perhaps, will make up in part for our not knowing each other personally and having had a chance to discuss our program more fully. Of course, in past years we have supplied resource speakers and materials to many unions. You already know that George Mitchell serviced one or two labor schools in Arkansas as well as many others throughout the rest of the South.

I trust that Arkansas will have a good representation to our Staff Training Seminar to be held at Fisk University. I will be happy to supply you with extra copies of the materials announcing this program; please let me know how many you will require.

I look forward to meeting you personally in the near future.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

P.S. I am also including some materials explaining more about the SRC's origin and work.

EFV:mm
Enclosures: The South of Promise
SRC - A Brief Account of its Origins and Aims
Members of Central Professional Staff
Fisk Institute Brochure and letter

May 31, 1957

Mr. John H. Marion, Executive Director
Virginia Council on Human Relations
100 East Franklin Street
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Jack:

Many thanks for your letter of May 29th with the happy news that the Virginia Council will carry on. I think this decision was extremely wise. Harold is not in the office today and I would want to discuss with him, before a final decision, the use of the balance of the $2,500 allotment (other than the $5,000 SRC allotment for your salary) for other than secretarial help.

I would hope, Jack, that the Virginia Council's Executive Committee would make this agreement of three days a week for you flexible, in that if they raised more sizable sums of money they would immediately return you to full time status. You might suggest, for instance, that they try this three day arrangement for the first quarter of the next fiscal year, October 1 - December 31, and then re-examine the situation.

Thanks a lot for agreeing to go out to T.C.U. for Dr. Lunger. I think this will be of help to you, as well as of considerable importance to them. Thanks also for returning the three copies of the January issue of New South.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

May 31, 1957

Mrs. E. M. Comer
Secretary to the President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Comer:

Please know our deep appreciation for the many tasks you and Miss Davis have performed for us during this last collection of conferences. We are most grateful for your generosity and patience.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

May 31, 1957

Mrs. J. D. Murphy, Hostess
Atlanta University Dormitory
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Murphy:

You have sailed through the last three conferences with much understanding. Please convey to your staff, especially to Mrs. Anderson, our deep appreciation. Were we to bother you much more, we would have to start considering you a staff member.

We are most greateful for your help and for the indispensable facilities of Atlanta University.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

Via Air Mail

May 31, 1957

Dr. W. J. Kilgore
Department of Philosophy
Baylor University
Waco, Texas

Dear Jack:

Got your good letter of May 29 asking about extra copies of the February issue of *New South* for distribution at the LULAC convention. Sorry, but we are short on that issue. Enclosed, however, is our special report on legislation, also the one on pro-segregation groups.

In haste but with warm regards,

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

Enclosures

May 31, 1957

Dr. M. A. F. Ritchie
President
Hartwick College
Oneonta, New York

Dear Miller:

It was certainly good to hear from you again after lo, these many months. I have also received the A.D.L. volume, REGIONAL PROBLEMS AND ISSUES IN HUMAN RELATIONS EDUCATION. I was much impressed with several of the articles in it. Among the ones which impressed me were those by Willard Goslin, Dan Dodson, Bill Van Til, and Miller Ritchie.

I am glad that you now have a home of your own and that the Board did not insist on keeping you in the President's Mansion. I would say that the purchase of a home indicates intentions of long tenure, which would indicate, I hope, that wee Betsy has adapted to the climate.

I will send you under separate cover some material in which I think you may be interested. There are many things happening in the South which we cannot put into public print but which I think would be helpful to people like you. I doubt that I shall be up that way this summer for I am Toronto bound; however, if by some good stroke of fortune I should be in your vicinity, I'll take you up on that invitation.

Warm regards to Jo and the family.

As ever,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

May 31, 1957

Mrs. Montez Albright
Southeastern Convention of the
Congregational Christian Churches
673 Piedmont Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Albright:

I have just read your new version of the article and, like the earlier one, it is good. I will see that Harold Fleming has this called to his attention at the first of the week when he returns to the office.

We still have no word from Red Book, though I don't suppose that this is too surprising - magazines being what they are. As agreed earlier, I will see that you hear, immediately, of any word that we do get. We remain convinced, in fact more so than ever, of the desirability and good of having this article in a national publication. Of course, we will discuss the matter before taking such action. If we do not hear from Red Book in time or receive a negative reply from them, I hope we can shoot for something like the Saturday Evening Post.

In the meantime, I continue to have admiration for the courage and conviction represented by what you have done.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

May 31, 1957

Mr. A. C. Miller
Executive Secretary
The Christian Life Commission of the
  Southern Baptist Convention
161 Eighth Avenue, North
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Miller:

The morning paper carries news of the Chicago action on the report of the Christian Life Commission.

I know the effort, courage, and conviction which has been needed to make this action possible. You have done a very real service for all Southerners and particularly for all Southern Baptists. I am grateful beyond expression.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

May 31, 1957

Mr. Hodding Carter, III
332-1901 Hall
Princeton University
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Carter:

Thank you for your letter of the 22nd. We are pleased that we could be of help and look forward to having a copy of your thesis.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

Sent under separate cover:
Special Report on Pro-segregation Groups
In the South.

Literature distributed to Consultants, Consultant Conference, May 24-25:

South and the Supreme Court's School Decisions Chronology

SRC Origin and Aims

May, 1957, New South

Toward the South of the Future

What's Happening in School Integration

June 3, 1957

Mr. A. J. Myers
U. S. News and World Report
24th and "N" Streets, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Myers:

Enclosed you will find material relative to your phone request of this morning.

I have learned from our reference department that each Southern state with the exception of South Carolina and Mississippi annually issue population estimates. The figures enclosed are those most recently made available by the various state agencies concerned.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosures

July 3, 1957

Miss Helen E. Amerman
Assistant Director
Council for Civic Unity of San Francisco
437 Market Street
San Francisco 5, California

Dear Miss Amerman:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated June 28th to Mr. Fred Routh relative to Mr. James T. McCain.

I should like to advise you that Mr. Routh is presently out of the office on vacation and will not return until Monday, July 8th. I shall at that time call your letter to his attention and I'm sure you will be hearing from him immediately upon his return.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Mildred Flowers
Secretary

MF/mf

June 3, 1957

Mr. Jack Barbash
Education and Research Director
Industrial Union Department, AFL-CIO
815 - 16th Street, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Jack:

I am sending you thirty-five copies of the announcement of our staff training seminar to be held in conjunction with the Fisk Race Relations Institute, and a like number of leaflets describing the Fisk Institute itself.

You know how necessary it is to get staff and other leadership thinking more constructively about their role relative to race relations problems affecting unions. Your efforts to help publicize the Fisk seminar will be greatly appreciated.

The I.U.D. summer training program looks good from here. I can imagine the work it has taken to get such an endeavor underway. It is by no means an attack on your first-phase program to put in a gentle reminder of the need to get at problems relative to civil rights and race relations. When that time comes, either in regional programs or in the summer program, we would be happy to cooperate with you in any way that would be of service. It may be that members of our staff, our materials, or even our research resources could be of help to you. This is for the future. We are here to be used, no matter how busy we may be.

I plan to be in Washington for the end of the week; I trust our schedules will allow us to see each other.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

June 3, 1957

Mr. William G. Shannon
Executive Director
The Encampment for Citizenship
2 West 64th Street
New York 23, New York

Dear Bill:

Haven't heard from you or Alex in quite some time. I understand Alex has left the Encampment. I would appreciate a list of the students who have been granted scholarships under the SRC allotment. I hope that the group we send will prove as outstanding as last year's, but let it be said that we don't expect to take the presidency every year.

Please let me know how to get in touch with Alex.

Best regards to you and Al Black.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

June 3, 1957

Mr. Ken Peterson
Civil Rights Coordinator
IUE
1126 - 16th Street, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Ken:

I am sending you the copies of the March labor conference summary that you requested.

Although there is not anything super-secret in the body of the summary itself, you will recall that we had promised all participants that it would not be a publicized report, nor would public attention be brought to the names of those attending. I still feel bound by this committment and so send this reminder to you.

I secured pictures for your Civil Rights Conference but too late to get all the clearance required for their use. If you think that you might have future need for such materials, I would see what could be done about either getting release rights for copies to be made or for making a kind of photo montage. The problem is that the pictures come from photo news service agencies and may not be used without permission.

Let me know if you would like for me to follow up on this project.

I trust that you will be able to have several of your Southern staff persons attend the seminar that we are conducting in conjunction with the Fisk Institute on Race Relations. Any follow up that you would like for me to do will be gladly accepted. We will need all of the sensible thinking that we can get in the Southern end of the labor movement with the coming of September and the new school term. Please let me have the names of the IUE persons who will attend as soon as possible.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

June 3, 1957

Mr. Paul R. Christopher
Director - AFL-CIO Region 8
216 Flatiron Building
705 Broadway, N.E.
Knoxville 17, Tennessee

Dear Paul:

Thanks for your letter of May 17th. I'm greatly pleased that you will be able to be on the panel for July 9th at the Fisk Institute.

Thanks for your other suggestions - they have been followed up.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

June 3, 1957

Miss Verbenna Scott
Kentucky Council on Human Relations
208 West Main Street
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Verbenna:

Thanks for sending in the five copies of the January New South. They will be helpful to us.

Best wishes.

Appreciatively,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

June 3, 1957

Mr. Harry S. Jones
Executive Director
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
121 East Third Street, Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

Thanks for the note about getting two good applicants for the Encampment for Citizenship. They both sound like good students and I am sure they will benefit from their experience this coming summer.

Best regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

June 3, 1957

Mr. Nat Griswold
Executive Director
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
211 Izard Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

Thanks for your note with the enclosed copy of the letter to Mr. Phillips. I like the procedure you have set up for the applicants from Arkansas. It keeps us here in the Central Office informed of developments in recruiting applicants.

Regards to you and Chris.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

June 3, 1957

Mr. Milton C. Vigo, Executive Director
Louisiana Council on Human Relations
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

Thanks for sending back the three issues of New South for January. They will be most helpful.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

June 4, 1957
(Dictated June 3)

Mr. Paul R. Christopher
Director, AFL-CIO Region 8
216 Flatiron Building
705 Broadway, N.E.
Knoxville 17, Tennessee

Dear Paul:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter from William Schnitzler regarding the recent contribution to the SRC from the AFL-CIO.

You will note that the~~ir~~ contribution has been upped from $2,000 to $3,000. However, they make no mention of the fact that our request this year had been for $5,000.

Needless to say, we are very happy to have received this continued and increased support. We are most appreciative of your own efforts in this regard.

It may be that I will be in Knoxville sometime next week. If so, I will be making a general tour of Tennessee but will be specifically interested in uncovering those labor people who should be planning to attend our union staff seminar at Fisk in July.

With best personal wishes.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm
Enclosure

P.S. Harold is out of the office today, but we thought that you would want to know right away that the contribution had been acted on.

June 4, 1957

Mr. Otto Pragan
Education and Research Director
International Chemical Workers Union
1659 West Market Street
Akron 13, Ohio

Dear Otto:

Enclosed are some summary and off-the-cuff comments on my participation at the ICWU summer school.

It was a good show, and I'm still glad to have been there.

Fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm
Enclosure

June 4, 1957

Mr. Ben Segal
Trade Union Consultant
Fund for the Republic
1820 Jefferson Place, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ben:

Enclosed are two items: (1) summary report (with almost no content) for January 1st through May 31st; and (2) an informal report on participation at ICWU school.

I'll see you Friday. It looks as if it will be close to noon, but I will call your office to see where you are.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm
Enclosures

Enclosures: 85th Congressional Record
Summary Conclusions - Conf. of Agencies - Jan. 23-24, 1957
Toward the South of the Future
New South - May, 1957
What's Happening in School Integration?
Brief History of SRC

June 4, 1957

Mrs. L. D. Shivery
Waluhaje Apartments
239 West Lake Avenue, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Shivery:

As per your request of May 29th, I am sending to you copies of materials that were distributed at the Conference of Agencies which convened at Atlanta University, May 28-29, 1957. I am also including other informational materials which, I'm sure, will be of interest to you.

If this office can be of any further assistance, please feel free to call on us.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Mildred Flowers
Secretary to Harold C. Fleming

/MF

June 4, 1957

Mrs. David Levy
993 Fifth Avenue
New York 28, New York

Dear Mrs. Levy:

Mrs. Driggs' letter informing us of the generous grant from the New York Fund for Children was a wonderful piece of news.

I have written a letter of acknowledgment and thanks, on behalf of the Council, to Mrs. Driggs at the Fund's office. But I couldn't fail to write you a special note of appreciation for your understanding help. I haven't forgotten what you said about the independence of the New York Fund for Children's Board. It's doubly encouraging to know that that able group of people shared your feeling that the Council's work was worthy of some special assistance.

As I wrote Mrs. Driggs, the Fund for the Republic recently came through with a $200,000 grant to be spread over the 39-month period following October 1, 1957. This gives us, roughly, one-third of our budgetary needs for that period and, together with the three years support of the New York Fund for Children, gives us a firm financial base on which to build.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

June 4, 1957

Miss Thelma Stevens,
Executive Secretary,
Woman's Division of Christian Service
Board of Missions,
The Methodist Church
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Miss Stevens:

We are mailing the 75 packets of material, including the 45 packets that are being sent to Kentucky.

It is uncertain just now as to whether there will be additional legislative material in time for your conference; but if there is, we will send the supplement to yoj at Kentucky in time to be included in the packets.

Mrs. Alexander will send you an invoice for the materials within a few days.

Again, thank you.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:cj

separate cover:

June 4, 1957

Mr. Edwin J. Lukas
American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Ed:

We were cheered no end by the generous grant recently approved by the New York Fund for Children. They are giving us $10,000 this year and diminishing amounts for the next two years. I, of course, have written letters of heartfelt thanks to Adel Levy and Marion Ascoli.

This, together with the recently approved grant from the Fund for the Republic, puts us one-third of the way towards our budgetary needs for the coming three years.

I don't have to tell you that I am lastingly grateful for all that you have done to help in a very trying period.

It was good to see you at the AJC dinner recently, and I hope that we will find ourselves together again soon.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

June 4, 1957

Mrs. Max Ascoli
23 Gramercy Park, South
New York 3, New York

Dear Mrs. Ascoli:

We are fairly glowing with appreciation of the generous grant approved by the New York Fund for Children. The assurance of specific amounts for the two succeeding years makes the grant particularly important and helpful to us.

I have expressed the Council's acknowledgment and thanks in a letter to Mrs. Driggs. But I would want to add this note of special thanks to you for all of your encouragement and help.

Another cheering development was the recent action by the Fund for the Republic. It approved a terminal grant to the Council of $200,000 to be spread over the 39-month period beginning October 1, 1957.

Although this gives us nearly one-third of our budgetary needs for that period, it still leaves two-thirds to be raised from other sources, and I am mindful of your sound advice about the hazards of publicity in such cases. We, at any rate, will not be disposed to beat the drums!

Doug Cater was just here gathering material for an article on Atlanta. I think he is going to come up with something quite good.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Daily file

Marge — Could I see copy of this? HCF

Attached

June 4, 1957

Mr. Earl H. Henderson
Field Representative
UAW
526 St. Paul Place
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Earl:

Here is the informal summary of the inter-agency conference held here in Atlanta last week. I trust that it will be of some use to you.

The full summary, to be sent to all the participating agencies, will be coming your way in about a week.

It was good to have had some time with you while you were in town. I hope that you will continue to give some thought to possible staff persons to attend our Fisk Institute. It would be good to have the names of any persons that you would like for me to follow up on as soon as possible.

With best personal wishes.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm
Enclosure

June 5, 1957

Mr. Vernon A. Eagle
New World Foundation
120 South LaSalle Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Vernon:

As you probably know, the nationwide announcement of the apprenticeship training program has finally been released. We are in hopes that more applications will be coming in presently. So far, we have received only one as a result of the announcement, although we have received three others through our own less formal channels. None of the applicants to date are quite what the position calls for, and we are looking hard for other likely prospects. I will keep you posted on our progress.

In our earlier correspondence, you suggested that the remainder of the 1957 grant might be forthcoming about July 1st. As the program is going, this date will be about right for us. If it presents any complications for you, we could perhaps work out our finances on another timetable. If that's called for, don't hesitate to let me know.

Warmest regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

June 5, 1957

Mr. Joseph P. Lyford
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
60 East Forty-Second Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Joe:

Thanks for your two recent letters. The issue of the Firing Line is the smoothest destructive job I have seen in some time. We are considering, not too hopefully, what may be done to counter it.

It is good to know that the fame of integregation North and South continues to spread, even to the psychiatrists. Only the other day, I had occasion to refer the Labor Department's information man to it. He was about to be off to the ILO Conference in Geneva and wanted to arm himself with positive information on race relations in this country.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

June 5, 1957

Mr. William F. Schnitzler
Secretary-Treasurer
AFL-CIO
815 Sixteenth Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Schnitzler:

This is to acknowledge with warmest thanks your letter of May 28th and the enclosed check for $3,000 representing the 1957 contribution of the AFL-CIO.

It's deeply gratifying to us that the work of the Southern Regional Council merits its increased support this year. It is our earnest belief that organized labor represents one of the most important positive forces at work in the South today, and we look forward to even closer cooperation between SRC and the AFL-CIO as we work toward our common goals.

Please convey our warmest appreciation and best wishes to President Meany and to the members of the Executive Committee.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Encl. - 1 official receipt

June 5, 1957

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Linville Falls,
North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

Between a round of conferences and a bout with virus, my correspondence is badly in arrears. This is to catch up a number of loose ends.

(1) Thanks for the copy of your letter to David Freeman officially acknowledging the grant from the Fund for the Republic. As you will observe, following your authorization, I sent a copy of Freeman's letter with a covering memorandum to each member of the Executive Committee. I expect to be talking with Freeman soon about the matter of publicity and will let you know the outcome. Meanwhile, I have carefully noted your comments on the matter.

(2) Dr. Clement and I have pursued your suggestion on the statement on the origin of the Council to be signed jointly by Clement, McGill and Moore. Several weeks ago, I sent a draft of a statement to Dr. Clement, which he in turn circulated to the other two. Unfortunately, Bishop Moore, while attesting to the accuracy of the statement, was unwilling to sign it since he felt that possible use of such document would add to pressures already being brought to bear upon him. I then suggested to Dr. Clement

that he ask the Bishop's signature with the assurance that the document would not be publicized but would be filed as a matter of historical record. As yet, no further word. I have not yet had word from Dr. Clement of any reaction from Ralph McGill.

(3) I read Mr. Carlyle's letter to you with interest. I know of no better approach to Mr. Babcock than for you to write him directly for an appointment. As matters now stand, I could make a flying trip to Winston-Salem almost any time except the first week in July. One complication does occur to me: we long ago contracted with the state groups that we would not approach any new source of funds within their respective states without letting them know. Under this agreement, we probably have an obligation to let Harry Jones and the chairman know of our intention before we act on it. I very much fear that their reaction will be negative. Let me know how you wish this handled and I will take whatever steps seem wise with respect to the North Carolina Council.

(4) Since I last wrote you, we have had further good news on the financial front. The AFL-CIO at its Executive Council meeting week before last, approved a grant of $3,000 to SRC. This was $2,000 less than we asked for, but $1,000 more than last year's contribution. You may recall also that we had filed a request with the New York Fund for Children (set up by the Rosenwald daughters) for a three-year period of aid. They came through handsomely with $10,000 for this current year and an assurance of $7,500 and $5,000 respectively for the next two years. For the calendar year 1957, this puts us within $20,000 of our budgetary needs. This must be raised sometime between now and October. Sisyphus had nothing on us!

(5) We have had the happy news that we are mentioned in the will of the late William Emerson of Massachusetts. The printed notice of this came as a mystery, but research revealed the fact that he was the chairman of the Unitarian Service Committee and had heard of our work through Miss Katharine Taylor, the consultant to the New World Foundation who visited us several months ago. On advice of Mr. Joseph Haas, I wrote to the law firm in question and received the reply which is attached. I have heard that Mr. Emerson left a substantial estate, but I suppose there is no way of knowing what portion of it will comprise the "residue". But whatever we ultimately receive will

be a nice bonus.

(6) Our conferences of the last two weeks went very well. We were sorry that you couldn't make the State staff conference. I will soon be sending for your approval a memorandum to the state groups outlining the procedure they should follow in applying for SRC aid in the coming fiscal year.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Encl. - 1 copy of Bingham, Dana & Gould letter
dealing with the will of William Emerson.

VIA AIR MAIL June 5, 1957

Mr. Harold C. Letts
Director of Social Action
The Board of Social Missions of the
United Lutheran Church in America
231 Madison Avenue at 37th Street
New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. Letts:

Thank you for your recent letter and your invitation to us to be represented at your forthcoming School on Race Relations. The preliminary program, as well as the other materials you enclosed, look most promising.

I am most regretful that it is impossible for me to be with you on June 27th. However, I should like to offer a very able substitute from our staff, my assistant - Paul Anthony. Mr. Anthony is a native Virginian who has done advanced work in human relations at the University of Miami and at The New School. As a staff member of the Southern Regional Council he has been intimately involved in both program and administration of our organization. I think he would do an excellent job for you in the session on community strategies, as well as in interpreting the work of the Southern Regional Council.

Please let me know if this is satisfactory and accept my warm good wishes for a fruitful conference.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

June 5, 1957

The Reverend Robert E. Wilcox
2162 Telfair Street
Augusta, Georgia

Dear Father Wilcox:

Dr. Guy Wells, the Executive Director of the Georgia Council on Human Relations, SRC state affiliate, has told me of his delight at your election as President of the Augusta Chapter. I want you to know that we here in SRC extend to you our thanks for accepting this responsibility.

As a fellow Episcopalian, I am happy to see a priest of the Church taking so courageous a stand. My good friend Cornelius Tarplee of the National Council of the Episcopal Church is working in the Southern area in human relations. You might want to get in touch with him. His address is:

1641 Link Road
Lynchburg, Virginia.

With devoted service and able leadership such as yours, we believe the Georgia Council on Human Relations will play a significant role in helping bring about a more democratic society - one in which the worth of the individual as a child of God will receive due recognition.

Faithfully yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

June 5, 1957

Dr. George Wilson, Jr.
City of Hope
13183 Van Nuys Blvd.
Pacoima, California

Dear Dr. Wilson:

We have received your letter inquiring about the internship training program. We have read of your accomplishments with considerable interest.

Your application will be considered along with others who have applied for this position with the Southern Regional Council. As we receive more information about the nature and scope of the program from NAIRO, we will be in touch with those who have applied to SRC.

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

Enclosure: May, 1957, New South

VIA AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY June 5, 1957

Mr. Alan Reitman
Assistant Director
American Civil Liberties Union
170 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear ~~Mr. Reitman~~ Alan:

My sincere apologies for this delay in answering your good letter of May 29th regarding the ACLU's statement on the jury trial amendment. I have been laid low with a virus for the last week, and in the confusion your letter didn't get dealt with.

The statement is a very sound clear analysis of the jury trial question, and we could use copies of it to good effect as an informational piece for people down here who are perplexed by this question. If it is not too late for us to take you up on your offer, we will appreciate whatever quantity you can let us have.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E.
ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA
JAckson 2-8764

HAROLD C. FLEMING
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South

Forwarded to 52 selected unionists.)
50 copies to Ben Segal.) 6-5-57
1 copy to each state affiliate.)
Sheet describing seminar enclosed with each.

Enclosed is an announcement of the Union Staff Training Seminar sponsored by the Southern Regional Council, to be held in conjunction with the Fisk Institute on Race Relations, from July 6 - 13th.

Few unionists fail to realize that racial issues are affecting their organizations in important ways. Racial problems in the community spill over into the union; organizing campaigns are hampered; and racial problems come up in locals and are at times badly handled.

There is no way to dodge most of these situations. Our task is to develop a better understanding of racial relations and other Southern problems that relate to them. Time and again union leadership has expressed the need for information and techniques that will aid them in meeting these crucial issues in a way consistent with fair play and the preservation of union strength.

Perhaps we should be reminded that the start of the school year will bring new instances of desegregation by communities which are facing their responsibilities. However, these moves may be accompanied in some localities by disturbances caused by the more ardent pro-segregationists. Past experience indicates that these can be troublesome times within the union, too.

The Council's Union Seminar offers these aids: exchange of experiences with other union leaders, background on Southern social and economic conditions, background on Southern labor history, information on pro-segregation and hate groups, the use of racial issues in organizing campaigns, counteracting the use of racial issues, and resources available to unions in meeting civil rights and race relations problems. In addition, you will meet with other persons from over the South and nation who have an interest in better human relations, and you will hear experts that have been selected for the general program of the Fisk Institute.

You are urged to send in your application today and to suggest names of colleagues whom you feel will profit from this experience.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via	Ben Segal
Labor Consultant	Trade Union Consultant
Southern Regional Council	Fund for the Republic

June 6, 1957

Mr. Charles E. Davis,
Associate Director,
School Program,
American Friends Service Committee
1818 South Main Street
High Point, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Davis:

In checking our files concerning orders of publications today, we turned up a letter from you requesting 100 copies of "What the Supreme Court Said."

We are in doubt as to whether this order has been filled or not since our records do not indicate the disposition of the order. We do have a sufficient quantity of the publication to fill the order and would appreciate your letting us know if you have not received the order and if not, would you like it filled.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:cj

June 6, 1957

Miss Dorcas Ruthenburg,
Courier Journal, W H A S
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Miss Ruthenburg:

Thank you for your note concerning the film, "The South and Segregation." As yet, we are not certain about the distribution of the film; but we believe that the Fund for the Republic will make arrangements for some distribution.

We will let you know as soon as we receive additional information from the Fund for the Republic.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable,
Director of Information

JC:cj

June 6, 1957

MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. Marion A. Wright
Dr. Rufus E. Clement

From: Harold C. Fleming

Attached is a proposed memorandum for distribution to state chairmen describing a procedure by which the state groups may apply for SRC aid, effective October 1.

You will note that the total amount we are proposing to make available for this purpose is $40,000. This was reduced from the original figure of $50,000 in the light of the Fund for the Republic's reduced grant to us.

All of the points laid out in the memorandum represent the best thinking of the SRC staff. They all suggest reconsideration and revision.

There is a strong argument for this memorandum going out over the name of Mr. Wright as president. If that seems to you wise and acceptable, let me know and we will make the change.

I shall look forward to hearing from you on this at your earliest convenience.

DRAFT

MEMORANDUM

TO: State Chairmen

FROM: Harold C. Fleming

SUBJ: FUTURE FINANCIAL AID FROM SRC

We have recently received the welcome news of a terminal grant to SRC from the Fund for the Republic, which enables us to make available some measure of further aid to the state councils for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1957. This matter was discussed in detail at the last conference of state staff members held in Atlanta on May 21 and 22. The purpose of this memorandum is to set forth the nature of the aid that will be available and the procedure that should be followed by the state organizations in applying for it. An information copy is being sent to each state executive director.

NEW GRANT TO SRC

At its last Board meeting, the Fund for the Republic made a terminal grant to SRC of $200,000. This amount is to be applied to the operating budget of SRC over a 39-month period beginning October 1, 1957 - that is to say, through 1960. The grant, while generous, was less than the amount requested and requires of SRC an unprecedentedly heavy fund-raising task. The $200,000 is approximately one-third of our projected budgetary needs for the period, leaving more than $400,000 to be raised from other sources. It should be noted that the Fund for the Republic grant is not earmarked for specific purposes, but is to be applied toward the total budgetary needs of SRC.

AMOUNT OF STATE AID

The amount of the new grant available to SRC for the coming fiscal year is $76,800. On the strength of this, we are setting aside a total of $40,000 to be available for aid to the state organizations. In order to do this and meet our own operating budget, we must raise approximately $100,000 from other sources. The amount to be available for state aid beyond the coming fiscal year will have to be determined at a later date, in the light of SRC's success in expanding its fund-raising from new sources.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

The policy basis for this further aid was laid down by the Board of SRC at its annual meeting of November 14th and 15th at Williamsburg, Virginia. The policy statement adopted at that meeting reads in part:

> "This means that the state organizations would continue to work to become more autonomous, and that their relationship with SRC would thenceforth be one of cooperation between independent organizations of similar purpose and goals. It is intended that in every way practicable there will be a continued close relationship between the SRC and the state organizations particularly in regard to program service, financial grants-in-aid and counsel on fund raising.
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> "We recognize that a measure of continuing financial aid from SRC to all or some of the state organizations would be warranted. Therefore, we should undertake to secure funds for this purpose, though the amount procurable would undoubtedly be on a smaller scale than heretofore. Instead of the method of outright subsidy which we have used, the method of assistance would more closely resemble that of grants-in-aid. A state organization would submit its request to SRC, justifying such an allotment on the basis of a proposed program and evidence of organizational effectiveness sufficient to carry out the program proposed.

> SRC would judge each such request on its merits and take favorable or unfavorable action accordingly. The customary safeguards against the use of such funds for political or other improper purposes would, of course, be taken. Once such a grant-in-aid had been made, the responsibility for fulfillment of its commitment would rest squarely on the policy body of the state group."

REQUESTS FROM STATE ORGANIZATIONS

In accordance with this policy statement, we ask that state organizations wishing aid from SRC for the fiscal year beginning October 1st, submit no later than July 15th a written request for such aid. The request should give the following information:

(1) A concise analysis of the situation in the state as your organization sees it - in other words, the context in which the state group is now working.

(2) The role that the state organization sees for itself in the practical situation described above. This should include discussion of the ways in which the state group is fitted to fulfill this role.

(3) The specific program that the state group plans to undertake in the coming fiscal year. (This includes both program activities and organizational development.) What staff and facilities will be required to carry out the proposed program?

(4) A budget showing what will be required for staff salary, travel, office expenses, and so on. This should include a realistic estimate of what the state group will undertake to raise from other sources, and the amount of aid requested from SRC.

CONSIDERATION OF STATE REQUESTS

The requests for state aid will be considered by a committee of SRC Board members. The $40,000 will not necessarily be equally divided among the state organizations applying. Each organization's allocation will be based on the soundness of its proposal and general organizational and program performance to date. The amount granted for the year will probably be distributed on a quarterly basis. We will undertake to let you know at the earliest possible time what your group may count on for the coming year.

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

We should like to emphasize that we are not urging overly ambitious or elaborate proposals. The staff and Board of the Southern Regional Council well understand the difficulties under which the state groups have labored. We realize the difficulty of raising large sums of money for this work at this time in the South's history. Therefore, we would urge that proposals be held to what is honestly thought by the state group to be realistic in terms of fund-raising, organizational development, and program achievement. All of us may have erred on the side of too much diverse and scattered effort. A plan that focuses on a few specific and carefully thought-out objectives is sounder than one which tries to cover too much ground.

It may be worth noting that the quarterly method of distribution will require each state group to raise its funds from other sources currently during the fiscal year. SRC will ask that state groups receiving aid submit quarterly progress reports, and financial as well as program considerations will be taken into account.

Under the new arrangement, the SRC allocation will be paid directly to the state organizations without any earmarking for special purposes. All salaries will be paid by the state organizations rather than, as at present, by SRC.

Since we are ending the affiliate arrangement, each state group will need to revise, prior to October 1st, that part of its bylaws which has to do with affiliation. Purely as a suggestion, we will shortly send a set of sample bylaws revised to accomplish this.

Finally, please know that along with this formal, procedural memorandum come our pledge of continued close friendship and working cooperation, and high hopes for the success of our common efforts in the months that lie ahead.

June 6, 1957

The Reverend Cornelius C. Tarplee
1641 Link Road
Lynchburg, Virginia

Dear Neal:

I have received your report to the Fund and am tremendously impressed with the depth of meaning and extent of your activities. It is my belief that you are doing exactly the right type of program for the Episcopal Church. We have always said that people who seek to be effective in the field of human relations should work through the channels of existing organizations. Your report indicates that you have steamed down the main channels of the Episcopal Church. The Church has prestige and therefore a maneuverability which lay organizations do not possess. You are to be congratulated on helping the Church to face up to its obligations among men.

I have two small suggestions for improving the report. They are in ascending importance:

(1) Under "March 25th" on Page 17, Line 2, I believe you give Miami too much credit; Louisville, Nashville, and San Antonio - not to mention St. Louis, Baltimore, and Washington - are doing more to lead the way in school desegregation.

(2) You make no mention of the interagency cooperative field pilot project held in Charlottesville March 4-5. This was an important meeting, even though it was not entirely successful. Your contribution to this pilot project was significant.

I have passed the report along to Harold Fleming for his perusal. If you have an extra copy for your own files, we would appreciate this one for ours. If not, I shall reluctantly return it to you.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

June 6, 1957

Mr. John Hope II
1808 Morena Street
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear John:

Harold and I believe you did absolutely right in saying "Yes" to Mrs. Phelps of the United Churchwomen of Florida. You might send a copy of your letter to her to Bill Williams. Certainly it would be helpful to include Will Campbell in such an institute.

Warm regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

June 6, 1957

Mrs. Mollie Todd
1489 Clairmont Place
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mollie:

I have received your letter to Tennessee Board members dated June 3. I have made reservations on Eastern Air Lines and will attend the conference. I trust that you have notified John Hope of this meeting. He should be there too.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

June 6, 1957
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Mr. Walter H. Uphoff
Head of Workers Education
University Extension Service
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis 14, Minnesota

Dear Walter:

It was good to talk with you by phone the other day, and I look forward to being with you in August.

You asked what courses I would like to teach; I'll give you three groupings of courses and you fit the ones in that suit your over-all program best.

The first group would be along the line of Southern problems, race relations in unions in the South, problems in Southern union organization, survey of race relations progress and problems, or just unions in the South. A whole course could be made up of several of these "topics" pulled together or you could fit in special sessions or workshops along these lines.

The second group of courses of interest to me center around government, political science, or constitutional law. Topics such as unions and the Constitution, structure and function of American government, the legislative process, and parties and politics in the U.S.

The third grouping consists of more standard workers education fare. Included here are American labor history, parliamentary procedure (where there is time for discussing it in broader terms of democratic process), discussion leadership and/or use of visual aids, effective union committees. Topics such as grievance handling and stewards training and other basic union courses interest me but my handling of them is best for elementary groups or a specific union that I have some insight into.

Best personal wishes to you.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

P.S. The sooner I see your definite program and know what you expect from me the better.

EFV:mm
Dictated but not read by Mr. Via;
Signed in his absence,

June 7, 1957

Dr. Nick Demerath
Department of Sociology and
  Anthropology
Washington University
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Dr. Demerath:

At the request of Mr. John Hope, II, we are sending you the enclosed material relative to our recent Consultant Service Program Conference.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Encls. - Consultant Conference Agenda
  Persons Attending Consultant Conference
  Memorandum from John Hope, II re:
    Consultant Service Program...

VIA AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

June 7, 1957

Mr. Charles A. Goodrum
Librarian
Legislative Reference Service
The Library of Congress
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Goodrum:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation today, I enclose revised copies of our data on "Negro Voter Registration in the South." These supersede in every respect our earlier memorandum on this subject, and you will note that there is no longer any objection to quotation or public use of this material.

Please let us know at any time that we may be of service.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - Negro Registration Data

VIA AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY June 7, 1957

Mr. Howard Schuman
Office of Senator Paul Douglas
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Schuman:

Since we sent you the copies of our memorandum on "Negro Voter Registration" which you requested, we have carefully checked this material and found a number of typographical errors and other discrepancies. Rather than try to send you these corrections piecemeal, we decided that it would be best to do a revised version of the memorandum, copies of which I am enclosing. This version should replace both of the earlier versions which you have seen. I am sending this to you air mail special, so that it will reach you in time for the public use of this material that you are planning.

We have also sent copies of the enclosed to Mr. Charles Goodrum at the Library of Congress and advised him that the revised memorandum is available for any legitimate public use.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - Negro Voter Registration Data

June 10, 1957

Mr. Ben Segal
Trade Union Consultant
Fund for the Republic
1820 Jefferson Place, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Segal:

A note from Emory Via, received today, asked that I send you the names of those who plan to attend the Union Staff Training Seminar at Fisk and those who have replied that they will be unable to attend. We have received the following replies in this office to date:

Cannot attend:

E. C. Pippin, Alabama Labor Council, Montgomery
John Bateman, UAW, Atlanta
Carey E. Haigler, AFL-CIO Region 5, Charlotte

Will attend:

Two Southern staff members from the Fair Practices Department of UAW will attend the institute, according to our copy of William Oliver's letter of June 5, which was directed to you. We have not yet received any communication from these men.

Fifty copies of the follow-up letter, information sheet, and return envelopes were mailed to you on June 5th. Please let me know if you have not yet received this material, and I will send a duplicate mailing to you immediately.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Secretary to Mr. Via

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Encls. Ltr. from W. L. Pearson re: membership renewal
Ltr. " " " to: Reginald H. Pettus - dated: January 18, 1955

June 10, 1957

Mr. John H. Marion
Executive Director
Virginia Council on Human Relations
100 East Franklin Street
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Mr. Marion:

The attached correspondence is self explanatory. In all probability Mr. Pearson is confused as to the year of his last membership renewal. Perhaps you can clarify the situation.

If not, in the interest of SRC and VCHR public relations, we will be happy to see that Mr. Pearson continues to receive New South.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosures

June 10, 1957

Mr. W. L. Pearson
Keysville,
Virginia

Dear Mr. Pearson:

Thank you for your letter of June 4. On the basis of the information you have given us, our records must be in error.

We are writing Mr. Marion in Richmond to have him check his records concerning the date of your last membership in the Virginia Council. In the meantime, we will see that you continue to receive New South.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

June 10, 1957

Dr. Benjamin E. Mays
President
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mays:

On February 28th, in response to an announcement of the George S. Mitchell Tribute Fund, you asked to be reminded of the Fund in two or three months. Accordingly, we are enclosing copies of the materials mailed to you earlier.

With warmest regards.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
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June 10, 1957

Mrs. Robert L. Wilcox
5317 Green Valley Road
Box 6082
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Wilcox:

Thank you so much for your lovely letter and also, for the list of the Secretaries of Christian Social Relations of our Jurisdiction. I am just back from a meeting of the National Council, Southeastern area at Junaluska. It was more than stimulating.

I think I will go to Clinton to the Trial. At this time, I have some complications in my schedule but I am hoping to work it out.

With love and best wishes to you always.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

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June 10, 1957

Dr. Malcolm Calhoun,
Board of Church Extension,
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.,
Division of Christian Relations
341 B. Ponce de Leon Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 5, Georgia

Dear Dr. Malcolm:

I was more than delighted with what the Presbyterians did in giving their good statement not only to the Presbyterians but to all of us. I would appreciate it so much if you would send me a full copy. Through the years, I have gathered these together and would appreciate getting this one.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

MET:ej

June 10, 1957

Dr. A. C. Miller
161 Eighth Avenue, North
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Miller:

Enclosed, you will find an editorial from the Atlanta Constitution. I know bouquets belong to you for the action of the Southern Baptist Convention. I would appreciate it very much if you would send me a full copy of the Statement. I can certainly make good use of it.

With the best of wishes for you--a great friend and a great christian.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

MET:cj

enclosure:

June 10, 1957

Mrs. Susan Wood
17 East 73rd Street
New York, New York

Dear Mrs. Wood:

I appreciate very much your coming by to see me Saturday and giving me some first-hand insight into Kenya. Just after you left, I picked up Time Magazine and read an article on Kenya's election.

Enclosed, you will find a list of Methodist missionaries who are serving in Southern Rodhesia. As I told you, missionaries are more or less on sufferance by the political powers in the countries in which they work. How vocal any of these will be, I cannot say, but this I do know, they are very much interested in the status of the natives.

With best wishes to you for your efforts in our Country.

Sincerely yours,

MET:cj

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

enclosure:

June 10, 1957

Dean O. L. Shelton
School of Religion
Butler University
Indianapolis 7, Indiana

Dear Dean Shelton:

Thank you for your letter of June 6th and I shall turn up at your workshop some time prior to 2:00 P.M., June 19th. The check for the honorarium should be made out to "The Southern Regional Council, Inc."

Thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

With all good wishes,

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

June 10, 1957

Mr. Tartt Bell
American Friends Service Committee
1818 S. Main Street
High Point, North Carolina

Dear Tartt:

Have received your "urgent" letter of June 7th and am sorry to hear you are losing John Alexander, for I know he was doing a splendid job with the committee; however, Columbia University will gain a good administrator by this move.

As to a replacement for John, I would suggest any one of the following:

1. Irene Osborne

2. Miss Eulalie Ginn
   Director, Wesley Foundation
   University of Miami
   Coral Gables, Florida

3. Rev. C. Emerson Smith
   Presbyterian Church
   P. O. Box 1587
   Foley, Alabama.

I have known Eulalie Ginn for a long period of time. She is poised, well-educated, democratically minded, and Southern. I don't know that she is available. Emerson Smith used to be director of the social action end of the Presbyterian Church in Virginia.

You might write Will Campbell, National Council of Churches, 1716 West End Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee, for he has contacts with many people. Had you considered Ann Queen?

I am afraid this is not as helpful as you had hoped, but it is the best I can think of at this time.

One other suggestion - Howard "Buck" Kester of the Fellowship of Southern Churchmen, Black Mountain, N. C., is aasting about for a new job. He might be just what you are looking for.

Best regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

P.S. Harold and I have discussed this and these suggestions include both of our thinking.

June 11, 1957

Mr. Robert E. Hughes, Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Room 1218 Comer Building
Birmingham 3, Alabama

Dear Robbie:

Got your letter of June 10th and am glad to hear that the financial situation looks somewhat more hopeful in Alabama these days.

Thanks, too, for the clipping and information on the Klan meeting at Sylacauga. Old Dan Whitsett should be renamed Stonewall, for he is standing firm like one. I have always thought the Klan to be a cowardly organization. Any time grown men have to don bed sheets to give them a sense of security, it shows a personality defect of rather high degree. I like the idea of Dan meeting Alvin Horn on a television program. I believe he would do even better than Mike Wallace did with Eldon Edwards.

I have turned your request for pay for Miss Burns over to Mrs. Alexander for action. We approve of hiring Dottie, alias Mrs. Dorothy S. Hughes, on a temporary part-time basis. She will receive a check for three days work on the 15th.

Best personal regards.

Warmly,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

June 11, 1957

Dr. Harold L. Lunger
Head, Department of Christian Ethics
Brite College of the Bible
Texas Christian University
Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Harold:

I have turned your request for fifty copies of "Next Steps in the South" and the January issue of New South over to our information division. They will forward fifty copies of "Next Steps in the South" and fifty copies of a mimeographed report on pro-segregation groups.

We are substituting the latter for the January issue of New South, which we have run out of. Actually, this is the report on which the article in the January New South was based and it will cost you less money. We will bill the Department of Christian Ethics, Brite College of the Bible of Texas Christian University for this material.

We are only too glad to cooperate with you in setting up the institute on "The Church in a Multi-racial Society." We believe that the churches should and can play an active role in bringing about a more democratic society. Your efforts in this direction are praiseworthy.

Best regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

June 11, 1957

Dr. A. C. Miller
The Christian Life Commission
of the Southern Baptist Convention
161 Eighth Avenue, North
Nashville 3, Tennessee

Dear A. C.:

It was good to talk with you this morning and I have now straightened out my reservations for the trip to Nashville.

I am enclosing copies of the articles regarding the Christian Life Commission Report at the Southern Baptist Convention in Chicago. I am particularly pleased with Ralph McGill's column in the Sunday Journal-Constitution. Our papers here put out a combined issue on Sunday, hence the hyphenated name.

I look forward to seeing you Saturday.

Warm personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm
Enclosures

June 11, 1957

Mr. Galen Martin
Box 887
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Galen:

Thanks for your note of June 10th. I am happy to hear that things are looking up in the Knoxville area. I think that there is the possibility of real improvement this fall in the whole tier of eastern counties.

I think your move to apply the Hill-Burton Act's provisions to serve all people in hospitals constructed with Federal funds is a wise move. It is always good to invoke the power of the Federal Government on the side of righteousness.

I will attend the meeting of the Tennessee Council in Nashville Saturday, June 15th. Are you coming over?

Regards to the family.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

June 11, 1957

Mr. Shepherd L. Witman, Director
Residential Seminars on World Affairs
420 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia 6, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Witman:

Thank you for your invitation of June 4th to attend the Residential Seminar on World Affairs. As a former president of the Greater Miami Chapter of the AAUN, I would like very much to come. Unfortunately, our heavy work load here at the Southern Regional Council makes this impossible.

I have asked several friends who would be qualified to attend if they would be interested. All of them were but again, unfortunately, all of them were previously committed to other activities.

Every good wish for the success of the Seminar.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

June 11, 1957

Mr. Alexander Brooks
345 East 81st Street
New York 28, New York

Dear Alex:

How good it was to hear from you again and to learn of the terrific offer from Rutgers School of Law. I think you are ideally suited for academic life. You have a sharp and inquisitive mind and you like people. The combination, I believe, is a prerequisite for good teaching.

I can well understand that the Congress accepted their loss with a stoical upper lip. It's not easy to lose a promising executive just as you feel you are getting hold of him.

I, too, am sorry that you will not be coming through Atlanta fairly often as you had previously planned. When next I head for New York I will let you know well in advance and I will expect to be treated to that "99 to 1 martini."

I have passed the good news around the Council, and all here express their good wishes and congratulations.

Best personal regards.

Warmly,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

June 11, 1957

Mr. John Hope II
Race Relations Department
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Hope:

Emory Via, who is out of town at present, asked that I write you regarding a question that has come in connection with accommodations at Fisk for participants in the Union Staff Training Seminar. Are dormitory accommodations for couples available? How is this handled? Emory asks that you direct a reply to:

Mr. Henry Wilson
American Federation of State, County, &
Municipal Employees
815 Mt. Vernon Place
Washington, D. C.

Also, if they're available, please forward us about 25 more of the brochures regarding this year's session of the Institute. Our supply has been exhausted.

I'm still looking forward to attending the Institute, and will send in my application shortly.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Secretary to Mr. Via

June 11, 1957

Miss Thelma Stevens
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Thelma,

I understand that you are to be in Junaluska for a day or so during our School of Missions. I am anxious to see you and if you can tell me what day and what time of day I can see you for a conference, I would certainly appreciate it.

Incidentally, I was responsible for the Long Distance call that came to you from the Secretary of Christian Social Relations of Atlanta, East District. She read me your letter and I think you cleared up many things for us. Christian Social Relations had become bogged down completely with key women for the various organizations of the Church and the city. There was no time for any special concern for the evils of our community, either State or National politics, housing, etc.

Now there is one other request. We are having our South-wide Meeting sometime in September or October, avoiding the Jewish Holidays, which are September 26, 27 and October 5, 10, 11, 17 and 18. Look at these dates and let me know when it will be the freest time for you to be with us. We really need to put more hard work into this meeting than we have done at anytime before. Legislation against liberal organizations as well as threats makes it necessary for us to strengthen our forces.

Hoping I may hear from you soon, I remain, yours with love,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

MET:cj

June 11, 1957

Miss Georgene B. Lovecky,
Program Secretary,
Whitney Visiting Professors,
JOHN HAY WHITNEY FOUNDATION
630 Fifth Avenue
New York 20, New York

Dear Miss Lovecky:

Please let me know at which time I should put in an application again to the John Hay Whitney Foundation.

As soon as the date is settled for our South-wide Meeting of Churchwomen, I will let you know and hope against hope that you will find it possible to be with us.

To say that we miss Dr. Charles Johnson, is to express it tritely. He was a stay and a helper to me many years and I know the Foundation must miss him also.

Here's hoping that you will have a nice Summer Vacation. We are having such a cool spell here that neither the seashore or the mountains appeal to us right now.

Thank you very much for your patience and understanding. I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly,
Director of Women's Work

MET:cj

June 11, 1957

Mr. B. F. McLaurin
International Field Organizer
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street - Room 301
New York 27, New York

Dear Brother McLaurin:

Your letter of June 3, listing contacts who may be interested in attending the Southern Staff Training Seminar at Fisk University, was referred to me by Ben Segal, and invitations have been forwarded to each of the people you suggested. Thanks for your assistance in providing us with these names.

We would like very much to get in touch with the contacts you mention in North and South Carolina, and since Ben and I are working jointly on the Seminar, may I suggest that you send their names and addresses directly to me in care of Southern Regional Council.

Thanks once again for your help.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm
Signed in Mr. Via's absence.

June 11, 1957

The Petal Paper
Petal, Mississippi

Gentlemen:

I am sure that my subscription is far spent. I am enclosing $3.00 for the renewal of mysubscription and $.50 for the booklets of editorial reprints from the Petal Paper.

I agree with all of the letters of commendation that are carried in your paper.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly,
Director of Women's Work

MET:cj

enclosure:

June 11, 1957

Mr. J. Irvin McDonough
The General Board of Education,
The Methodist Church
1001 Nineteenth Avenue, South
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. McDonough:

The very day that I wrote to you, the study book, In Every Place a Voice and the Guide came to me. As soon as I glanced over it, I knew it because in this field, I have spent most of my life and I find that I have most of the material that you suggested might be obtained from the Methodist Publishing House.

Thank you so much for the Instructor's Certificate.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

MET:cj

June 11, 1957

Dr. E. Clayton Calhoun
President
Paine College
Augusta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Calhoun:

I am happy to have your letter of the 10th and to know that I have been invited to participate in the Georgia Leadership School.

Unfortunately, however, our collected memory and files fail to turn up any information or communication concerning the School. I am, of course, familiar with the association of many years which our Mrs. Tilly has had with the program. I had hoped that Mr. Lucius Pitts might be able to clarify the situation. He is out of town but his secretary confirms the fact that I am listed on the program as a participant.

I hope this is not confusion arising on our own coordination here. Could you please check and help us clarify this situation. I note that the school begins on the 16th and on hearing from you I will respond immediately by phone.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

June 11, 1957

Mr. Milton C. Vigo
Executive Secretary
Louisiana Council on Human Relations
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

This is in reply to your two recent letters.

First of all our thanks for sending the clippings from the New Orleans Item on SCEF. We have read them with interest and have made copies for our files. As you requested, I am returning them herewith.

I can well understand that you are uncomfortable about finding yourself on the mailing lists of strange and questionable organizations. We have found over the years that anybody in this kind of organizational work gets bombarded with the literature of all kinds of causes, ranging from extreme left to extreme right. The best thing you can do is to make generous use of the wastebasket or, if the literature is embarassing, write to the organization or publication telling them emphatically that you wish to be removed from the mailing list. There is no way that questionable organizations could get your name directly from SRC's mailing list, since our general mailing list is not given out to anybody and the listing of state organizations is released selectively for legitimate purposes only.

As to the issue of the Social Questions Bulletin. It is true that the Methodist Federation of Social Action has been the center of much controversy within the Methodist church. Over the years, it had a great many fine people in it, but most of them have withdrawn because they didn't approve of the activities and point of view of the executive secretary and a few other principals. It was not an official agency of the Methodist church, and therefore could not be kicked out, but it has been pretty largely discredited within the denomination. Fred suggested that the "P.B." in question might be Patton Boyle (Mrs. Sarah Patton Boyle). What was the article that P.B. referred to? Was the article's origin with the Social Questions Bulletin?

You might take note of the fact that the Social Questions Bulletin is freely distributed to educational groups and other organizations, so that there is nothing particularly significant about anybody getting it. We have received it for years without ever subscribing to it or requesting it.

As to the other organizations you ask about I can find nothing on them. None of them seems to be on the Attorney General's list. If my memory serves me, the Post War World Council is an organization in which Norman Thomas is the leading figure. As you probably know, Thomas, as a respected old line Socialist is strongly anti-communist. I am sorry, that beyond this, I can't help. But so long as you are not involving yourself in support or the activities of these groups, I don't think you have any cause for concern.

What has been the latest development on the undesirable application for membership? I will appreciate your keeping us informed on that problem.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures

June 11, 1957

Mr. Michael Millgate
c/o Mrs. Isle
2625 Romona
Palo Alto, California

Dear Mr. Millgate:

Since I last wrote you, it appears that I will be speaking at the Fisk Race Relations Institute on the morning of July 3rd and will probably be leaving for Atlanta that evening or, at the least, the following morning. I hope that this does not mean that I will miss seeing you, though that would not make a great deal of difference since I will be seeing you in Atlanta. In any case, I shall be traveling by air.

I can suggest a few people that you might find it worthwhile to look up in the other cities that you will be visiting. Their names and addresses follow:

Mr. Milton C. Vigo
Executive Secretary
Louisiana Council on Human Relations
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dr. Albert W. Dent, President
Dillard University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Professor James Silver
University of Mississippi
Oxford, Mississippi

Mr. Lucius E. Burch
Attorney-at-Law
Memphis, Tennessee

Mr. J. A. McDaniel
Executive Secretary
Memphis Urban League
546 Beale Street
Memphis, Tennessee

Mr. Gene Cox
933 Chambliss Road
Memphis 16, Tennessee

We can talk about further stops on your itinerary when you are here.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

June 11, 1957

Mr. Robert L. Tesdell
Executive Director
Association for World Travel Exchange
38 West 88th Street
New York 24, New York

Dear Mr. Tesdell:

Your letter of the 6th has been directed to me since Dr. Mitchell has resigned as director of the Council and now lives in Scotland.

Unfortunately, you are correct in that July and August are difficult months for us in terms of the staff we have available. However, several members of our staff will be available during this period and we will be happy to meet with your group during any of the period of their Atlanta visit. In addition to the briefings on the current Southern scene, we will attempt to have available a collection of pertinent literature and background materials for the group.

The matter of arranging hospitality for the group poses a more difficult problem. We do not have close contact with any church or service organization which might serve in this capacity. In the past similar groups have made arrangements for lodging and meals with the two major universities (Emory and Atlanta) and with the YMCA and the YWCA. Any of these facilities would probably be available and reserved in advance at a modest cost.

On arrival, we can discuss with your group possible auto tours of the city and the surrounding areas which would be most suited to their interests. And, at that time or before, we can explore the possibilities of having your group visit schools, churches, or agencies of interest. Perhaps, if you would like for us to offer specific suggestions of this kind, you could let us know what visits you have already arranged.

I regret that we are not in a position to be of more immediate help. However, on the basis of your reaction to the above suggestions, perhaps we can assist you in forming a full and thorough schedule for the Atlanta phase of Tour #4.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

June 11, 1957

Miss Esther Stamats,
Director, Christian Social Relations
Nat. Council of Churches of Christ in the USA
175 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Miss Stamats:

Here is something I want you to do this year. Our South-wide Meeting will be either in September or October. Just so we avoid the Jewish Holidays, which are September 26, 27 and October 5, 10, 11, 17 and 18. You an Thelma get together and set the date and don't you fail to be with us.

By the way, encourage us some in our section to take the Study Course, "Christ, the Church and Race." It is going to be hard for many reasons, for the women are afraid and they really have some cause to be but we have been afraid before and kept on and we must now and with your help, maybe we will.

We had a wonderful time at Junaluska at the Workshop of the National Council of Churches, Southeastern Section, last week.

With love and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

MET:cj

June 11, 1957

Mr. William K. Williams
Executive Director
Florida Council on Human Relations
213 N. E. 2nd Avenue
Miami, Florida

Dear Bill:

Your words of encouragement and commendation were a great help to our morale. I am most appreciative.

It is good to note your own optimism and determination. I am sure that, with your leadership, the Florida Council will make impressive progress in the months ahead.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

June 11, 1957

Dr. Martin Deutsch
Scientific Motivation and Attitude
Consultants
510 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Marty:

I am sure that by now the text of the Public Affairs Pamphlet is in final form. But I would want to let you know that I read the draft through very carefully and, on the whole, thought it was an excellent job.

I would agree with the decision that had already been taken to cut down the first twenty-five pages of the draft and increase the remaining part. The last third of the draft seems to me to contain the most valuable stuff.

It is good to see this project, which was only a gleam in the eye a few months ago, come to fruition.

All the best to you and Cyn.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

June 11, 1957

Mr. George L. P. Weaver
Executive Secretary, AFL-CIO
Civil Rights Committee
815 Sixteenth Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear George:

We were, of course, gratified that the executive council found the work of SRC worthy of increased support this year.

I wanted to let you know that we are grateful to you for your interest and help.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

June 11, 1957

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street - Room 301
New York 27, New York

Dear Mr. Randolph:

We were, of course, pleased and grateful to learn that the Executive Council of the AFL-CIO approved a contribution of $3,000 to the work of the Southern Regional Council. This support from organized labor strengthens us in more ways than one.

I am sure that your interest and help played an important part in this favorable action of the Executive Council, and I want to express our hearty appreciation.

May I take this opportunity to add a word of congratulations for the outstanding leadership which you gave to the Prayer Pilgrimage in Washington.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

June 11, 1957

Mr. Oscar Cohen
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
515 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Oscar:

Many thanks for your welcome note about John May. I thought he and his wife were both very pleasant people, and certainly his head and his heart are both sound on matters of race relations. I am most grateful to you for helping to steer him to us.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

June 11, 1957

Mr. William H. Oliver
Co-Director
Fair Practices and Anti-Discrimination
Department
UAW-CIO
8000 East Jefferson Avenue
Detroit 14, Michigan

Dear Bill:

We were gratified by the recent action of the AFL-CIO Executive Council approving a contribution of $3,000 to SRC. I am sure that your interest and that of President Reuther were an important factor in this increased assistance, and we are most grateful.

We were glad to have Earl Henderson with us at the recent inter-agency meeting and are looking forward to continued close cooperation with you.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

June 11, 1957

The Reverend M. L. King, Jr.
Minister
Dexter Avenue Baptist Church
Dexter Avenue at Decatur Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Mr. King:

We were very sorry that circumstances prevented you and other representatives of the Southern Leadership Conference from being with us at the recent inter-agency meeting. We will be meeting again in September, and I very much hope that it will be possible for you to be with us then. Meanwhile, I will be sending you soon a report on the last meeting.

With kindest regards and best wishes for the success of your fine efforts,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

June 11, 1957

Dean B. R. Brazeal
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dean Brazeal:

It was very good of you to write Mr. A. Philip Randolph on behalf of the Southern Regional Council. I am sure that his influence was quite important in securing favorable action of the AFL-CIO on our request for a contribution.

I have written Mr. Randolph a note of appreciation, which may serve as a reminder of his promise to you that the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters would also consider a contribution to our work.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

June 11, 1957

Mr. York Wilbern
Bureau of Public Administration
University of Alabama
University, Alabama

Dear Mr. Wilbern:

I am deeply sorry to learn that you are leaving the South and that we are going to lose you as a member of the Southern Regional Council.

It is a matter of regret to me that we weren't able to make more use of your interest, but we are most grateful for the encouragement and support which your membership on the Board gave us.

Your letter of resignation will be submitted to the Executive Committee at its July meeting, and I am sure they will accept it with much regret.

With all good wishes for success and satisfaction in your new position, I am

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

June 11, 1957

Mr. Boyd Payton
Regional Director
TWAU - 100 West 6th Street
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Boyd:

The AFL-CIO Executive Council recently approved a contribution of $3,000 to the work of SRC. I am sure your interest in our work was helpful in securing this increased assistance, and I wanted to say a word of appreciation to you.

I was sorry to learn through Emory that you have been ill. I hope this finds you well on the road to recovery.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

June 11, 1957

Mr. Lewis H. Deer, Director
Intercultural Relations
United Christian Missionary Society
222 South Downey Avenue
Indianapolis 7, Indiana

Dear Lewis:

We missed you at the inter-agency meeting. I am very sorry that the notice for the meeting came too late for you to arrange to attend.

You will be receiving a report of the proceedings shortly and also a notice of the next meeting, which will take place in September. I hope I will be seeing you again then. Meanwhile, best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

June 11, 1957

Mr. Boris Shiskin, Director
Department of Civil Rights, AFL-CIO
815 Sixteenth Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Shiskin:

The contribution to the Southern Regional Council approved by the recent executive council meeting is a tremendous help to us, and we are most grateful. I wanted to say a special word of thanks to you for your interest and help in this matter.

As you know, we are looking forward to cooperating as closely as possible with the Civil Rights Department on matters of common concern in the South. Let us know whenever we may be of service.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

June 11, 1957

Miss Dorothea de Schweinitz
Executive Director
Citizens Committee on the Fair Labor
Standards Act
718 Jackson Place, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Miss de Schweinitz:

My failure to reply earlier to your letter of May 23rd is due solely to my perplexity as to how we may be of help in your effort.

Personally, I am most sympathetic with your objectives, but organizationally I am afraid that there is nothing we can do. We are prevented both by the non-political status of the Southern Regional Council and by our policy which precludes the use of our mailing list for other purposes.

I wish we could be of help.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Secretary

HCF/mf

June 11, 1957

Mr. Edward C. Solomon
Director of Field Work
Sarah Lawrence College
Bronxville, New York

Dear Mr. Solomon:

Thanks for your letter informing me of the coming visit to Atlanta by Mr. Nakchung Paik. I will be glad to see him and to do everything that I and the other staff members can to make his short stop in Atlanta pleasant and informative.

I have also been in correspondence with Mr. Millgate and expect to see him early in July.

It is good to hear from someone whom I have known through mutual friends for so long. If you expect to be in Atlanta at any time, be sure to let me know.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

June 11, 1957

Mr. Edward Reed
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Ed:

Thanks for sending us the information about the June 16th telecast of "Segregation and the South." I saw the film when George Martin was here not long ago and agree with you that it is an excellent job.

When we learned of the ABC scheduling through George Martin, we immediately sent out notices to our state groups. We will use the information you sent to spread the word further.

All best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

June 11, 1957

Mr. Andre Fontaine
Roving Editor
Redbook Magazine
230 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Fontaine:

Can you give us any word on Mrs. Albright's story? I know these things take time even to get rejected, but Mrs. Albright is naturally anxious to know what use, if any, can be made of her experience.

Best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

June 11, 1957

Mr. Cornelius C. Tarplee
Associate Director
Division of Christian Citizenship
The National Council of the Protestant
  Episcopal Church
281 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Neil:

It was thoughtful of you to send me the notice of the CCD's Executive Council meeting on June 6th. Unfortunately, a heavy cold kept me away. If anything transpired that you think is important for us to know about, I would appreciate a line from you.

Fred shared with me the copy of your report. I thought it extremely well done and I am greatly impressed by the amount of effective program you have been able to carry out in the last months.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

June 11, 1957

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
The South Carolina Council on
Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

I am sorry to be delayed in answering your last letter, but I have been out of the office with a virus lately.

I am glad that you thought the State Staff Conference worthwhile, but sorry that you felt that we had communicated with each other so poorly. I had the impression, perhaps mistakenly, that I understood what you were getting at and was in hearty agreement with your central point. Unfortunately, my sense of humor sometimes takes a bizarre turn, and I can only conclude that some of my less serious comments got taken at face value. Anyhow, I too hope that we shall have a chance to share our thoughts more fully on future occasions.

The George Mitchell film is available for June 15-21. We are sending it to you today. I will appreciate it if you ship it back to us as soon as possible after it has served your purpose.

We have received several applications for the interneship, but it will be a while before a final decision can be made.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

HCF/mf

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

June 11, 1957

Miss Mary Alice Baldinger
Executive Director
National Civil Liberties Clearing House
1637 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mary Alice:

Thanks for the report of the NCLCH conference. I think it is an excellent job of summing up the proceedings and, if you have them to spare, we would appreciate fifteen (15) copies, so that we can circularize our state affiliates.

All best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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HAROLD C. FLEMING
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

June 11, 1957

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

MEMORANDUM

TO: All State Chairmen

FROM: Fred Routh, SRC

SUBJECT: Revision of State Organization By-laws

You will recall that the Board of the Southern Regional Council, at the Williamsburg meeting, voted to terminate the formal affiliation between SRC and the State Organizations. This is spelled-out in the October 22, 1956, memo from Dr. Clement to members of SRC and sent to you by Dr. Mitchell, December 10, 1956 (see p. 6 ff). This calls for a revision of the By-laws of the State Organizations to become effective October 1, 1957.

Attached is a set of proposed By-laws, eliminating the articles of affiliation and restrictive SRC clauses. This is to be regarded merely as a guide. Each state organization will want to prepare its own final version according to the wishes of its Board and with the advice of its own legal counsel.

cc: Informational copy to State Professional Staff.

FBR:mm
Enclosure

SUGGESTED BY-LAWS FOR STATE ORGANIZATIONS

Article I
Name

The name of this organization is ______________________________; a non-profit, eleemosynary organization.

Article II
Purpose

Its purpose is to carry on in the state of ________ an educational program for the improvement of economic, civic, and racial conditions in the state; to attain through research and action programs the ideals and practices which will result in the greatest good for all peoples in the state; to reduce intergroup tensions and their causes; to promote intergroup understanding; to cooperate with local, state, regional and national agencies in the attainment of these desired objectives.

Article III
Membership

Section 1. Generally, any person who is in accord with the purposes of the __________________________ may become a member. The Board of Directors, or a committee appointed by it, shall have the right to refuse membership to any person if it is deemed in the best interests of the organization.
Section 2. Annual dues will be set by the Board of Directors.

Article IV
Meetings

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall meet bi-annually in the fall and spring at such time and place as may be designated by the Executive Committee. Notice of the meeting shall be given not less than 30 days prior to the meeting.
Section 2. The Executive Committee shall meet at least four times annually. Two meetings may coincide with the Board meetings. Notice of the meeting shall be given not less than 30 days prior to the meeting.
Section 3. Quorum. One-third of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for Board meetings. One-third of the members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for Executive Committee meetings.
Section 4. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the Executive Committee. Special meetings of the Executive Committee may be called by the state Chairman. Notice of every special meeting shall state the time and place of the meeting, the business to be transacted, and it shall be mailed or communicated to each member at least 10 days before such meeting.

Article V
Officers

The officers of the organization shall be a Chairman (President), two Vice-Chairmen (Vice-Presidents), a Treasurer, and a Secretary. The Executive Director(s) may (shall) be an Ex-officio officer. The officers shall be elected at the fall meeting of the Board of Directors.

Article VI
Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of the organization shall be in charge of its affairs. The Board of Directors shall consist of 25-50 members, serving three year terms. One third of the Board may rotate each year. The Board of Directors shall be widely representative of the state's population.

New Board members shall be elected at the fall meeting of the Board of Directors. New Board members may be taken from a list prepared by the nominating committee; new Board members may be nominated from the floor.

The Board of Directors may fill vacancies by mail ballot between fall meetings. Terms of Board members so elected shall expire at the next regular election.

Article VII
Committees

Section 1. Executive Committee. The affairs of the organization between meetings of the Board of Directors shall be in charge of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the organization and two Board members elected at the fall meeting.

The Executive Committee may fill vacancies between Board of Directors meetings. Such appointments are subject to approval at the next meeting of the Board of Directors.

Meetings. See Article IV, Section 2 of these By-laws.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall appoint a Program Committee. It shall be the duty of this committee, in close cooperation with professional staff, to develop program proposals for action by the Executive Committee.

Section 3. The Executive Committee shall appoint a State Finance Committee, whose duty shall be planning and executing fund raising for the support of the organization.

Section 4. Other committees, permanent or temporary, shall be appointed by the State Chairman (President) upon authorization of the Executive Committee. At the discretion of the committee chairmen, non-members may be asked to serve in an ex-officio capacity on any committee except the Executive Committee.

Article VIII
Executive Staff

The Executive Staff of this organization shall consist of an Executive Director and such other professional staff - full time or part time - as is needed to carry out the program, interpret the program to the communities of the state and assume other normal staff functions.

Staff members shall keep all official records and make such reports as are required by the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee.

Employment, up-grading, and discharge of all professional staff shall be the responsibility of the Board of Directors. However, in cases of emergency the Executive Committee may act for the Board.

Article IX
Cooperation

This Council, an independent and autonomous organization, shall cooperate with other intergroup agencies in the South; most especially with the Southern Regional Council, Inc. and the State Councils on Human Relations formerly affiliated with it.

Article X
Amendments

These By-laws may be amended at the fall meeting of the Board of Directors or at any special meeting of the Board called for this purpose. See Article IV, Section 4, these By-laws.

Article XI
Non-political

This is a non-political organization. No part of its activities shall be the carrying on of propaganda, supporting or opposing any candidate for public office, or attempting to influence legislation.

VIA AIR MAIL June 12, 1957

Miss Josephine Wilkins
Beaux Arts Apartment Hotel
Apt. 1806 North
307 East 44th Street
New York, New York

Dear Josephine:

My plans have finally jelled. I am flying up to New York on Wednesday (June 19th). The flight is due in at 4:15 p.m. I have written the Roosevelt Hotel for reservations.

I will be leaving New York on a 2:30 p.m. flight for Richmond on Friday. So this gives Wednesday evening, all day Thursday, and Friday morning in New York. I am writing to Frank Loescher and Dave Freeman, and will no doubt be getting together with them, either separately or together. But think about what, if anything, I can do to further the cause, and I will call you when I get in.

Hope you had a pleasant trip up and that the gremlins have all cleared out.

Yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL June 12, 1957

Mr. David Freeman
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
60 East Forty-Second Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Dave:

I find I am to be in New York next week for a couple of days and hope it will be possible to see you. I am getting in late afternoon Wednesday, June 19th and leaving about 2:30 p.m., Friday. So I will call you Thursday morning to see if we can get together sometime Thursday or Friday morning.

Meanwhile, I thought you might like to see, from the enclosed, how our investments finally worked out.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Encl. - 1 Investment sheet

P. S. I expect to be staying at the Roosevelt if you should want to leave a message.

HCF

VIA AIR MAIL June 12, 1957

The Roosevelt Hotel
45th Street at Madison Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Sirs:

I will appreciate it if you would reserve one of your less expensive rooms for me for Wednesday and Thursday, June 19th and 20th. I expect to arrive in New York between 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday.

A confirmation by return mail will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY June 12, 1957

Mr. Frank S. Loescher
414 South 46th Street
Philadelphia 43, Pennsylvania

Dear Frank:

I am planning to go to New York next week prior to the weekend conference in Virginia. My plane is due in New York at 4:15 p.m. on Wednesday, June 19th, and I will be catching a plane out for Richmond at about 2:30 on Friday, the 21st. What are the possibilities of our getting together? If there is no chance of seeing you in New York, I will try to work out some kind of jog to Philadelphia. But it would be nice if we could work out a kind of get together with Dave Freeman that you suggested. I am writing Dave about my coming, but I will leave any possible meeting of the three of us to you.

I think we have time to exchange notes, so I will await word from you.

All the best,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

P. S. I expect to be staying at the Roosevelt if you should want to leave a message.

HCF

June 12, 1957

Mr. William G. Shannon, Executive Director
Encampment for Citizenship
2 West 64th Street
New York 23, New York

Dear Bill:

Thank you for your letter of June 10th enclosing the list of students who have been granted scholarships to the Encampment under the SRC allotment. We will continue to press our state directors for more qualified candidates to the Encampment.

I am sorry for the Encampment that you are losing the services of Alex Brooks. He has been, I know, a real help in recruiting candidates from all over the country; however, I believe Alex will be more happy at Rutgers. I believe he is ideal material for the professorial life - a keen mind and a fondness for people. He has been in touch with me and sounds enthusiastic about his new position.

We at SRC are glad to cooperate with the Encampment, for we believe that the future of a democratic society in the South is dependent upon a trained, informed, democratic leadership, and the Encampment is helping to provide it.

Thank you for your generousity in allocating a considerable number of scholarships to the Southern Regional Council.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

June 12, 1957

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

Yesterday we mailed you an informational copy of the new set of proposed by-laws for state organisations. This set of by-laws was developed from the old proposed by-laws we sent to state organisations back in the fall of 1954. Modifications were based on the pending disaffiliation of SRC and its state organisations.

Harold and I thought it wise to point out in the covering memorandum that these were merely a guide and that state Boards in consultation with their own legal counsel should develop their own set of by-laws. We will write the state chairmen again in mid-August asking them to send us before October 1st their new by-laws. This will help us to determine whether or not we can give grants to the various state organisations under the new organisational structure.

Warm personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

P.S. How are the geese doing?

Copy to all State directors except Miss., Tenn.

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
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HAROLD C. FLEMING
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

June 12, 1957

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

MEMORANDUM

To: All State Staff

From: Frederick B. Routh, Assistant Director

A number of state organizations have done a splendid job of recruiting candidates for the Encampment for Citizenship.

We believe that the future of a democratic society in the South is dependent upon a trained, informed, democratic leadership, and the Encampment is helping to provide it.

I therefore urge all of you to renewed effort in the recruiting of qualified candidates for the Encampment. Correspondence should now be directed to William G. Shannon, at the same address you formerly wrote Alex Brooks.

It's not yet too late. Press on!

FBR:mm

June 12, 1957

Mr. Nathan Levin
100 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Levin:

Some weeks ago I wrote you about advice as to the best way in which we might put the work of the Southern Regional Council before Messrs. Lessing and William Rosenwald.

I find I am to be in New York next week, Thursday, June 20th and Friday morning, the 21st. If you should find it possible to give me a few minutes of your time then, I shall be most grateful. I will call your secretary Thursday morning to see if it has been possible to arrange an appointment.

In the event that my earlier letter went astray or has been misplaced, I am enclosing a copy of it.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Encl. - 1 letter dated April 22, 1957

June 12, 1957

Mrs. A. R. Henry
608 Wilson Avenue
Menomonie, Wisconsin

Dear Marn, (Is this spelled right?)

I have just discovered that the regular appropriation of $1,200 made by the Women's Division, Town & Country Section was not made this year. This certainly made us sick at heart. Not so much because of the money but we are wondering why it was done.

You know something about the Southern Regional Council and its work with the difficult problems of the South. It does get some support from the Catholics and most of the Protestant churches. This special gift from the Women's Division which has been appropriated every year since 1940, has been a real joy and now the break-off causes me consternation. Can anything be done about this?

I wish that there was some way you could be here this fall for our South-wide meeting of the women leaders from the various denominations--both races and three faiths. We would love to hear from you.

With love and best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly,
Director of Women's Work

MET:cj

June 12, 1957

Miss L. Cornelia Russell
Secretary, Town & Country Section,
Women's Division of Christian Service
Board of Missions, The Methodist Church
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Miss Russell:

I understand that the appropriation of $1,200 for the Southern Regional Council was not made this year. I suppose it was because you did not know about the good work of the Council. It has worked closely with the Women's Division and the Women's Division with it and this appropriation has been made every year since 1940.

Of course we need the money, but the serious thing is the break with the Women's Division. It has given us moral support and understanding for 17 years.

The Southern Regional Council as you know works in the South during these difficult days trying to bring about better understanding between the races and we most certainly need the mOral support of the Church. Funds come to us from the various other denominations and the Catholics and Jews and my Methodist Church has always stood by and has been a strength. So you can see how grieved I am.

I called Mrs. Trimble to check and she told me that there was no appropriation on the sheet. Could this just be a mistake.

We would appreciate hearing from you.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly,
Director of Women's Work

MET:cj

June 12, 1957

Mrs. J. Fount Tillman
R. F. D. 1
Lewisburg, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Tillman:

I have just found out that the appropriation for $1,200 to the Southern Regional Council from the Town & Country Section of the Women's Division was not made for this year. This certainly brings consternation and real hurt, especially to me.

Of course, the Council needs the money but that is not the serious thing. Since the Women's Division was organized in 1940, this appropriation has been made every year and paid in July. This has been a moral support to all of us. I do not know how this happened. Do you? Is there any way that you can get it restored for this year?

I do not need to tell you anything about the work of the Southern Regional Council and its task here in the South. You know it all yourself. Please see what you can do about this.

With love and best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly,
Director of Women's Work

MET:cj

June 12, 1957

Mrs. E. U. Robinson
P. O. Box 516
Gallatin, Tennessee

Dear Ruth,

I have just found out that the appropriation for $1,200 to the Southern Regional Council from the Town & Country Section of the Women's Division was not made for this year. This certainly brings consternation and real hurt, especially to me.

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With love and best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly,
Director of Women's Work

MET:cj

June 12, 1957

Mr. Ben Segal
Trade Union Consultant
The Fund for the Republic
1820 Jefferson Place, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Segal:

We have received several more replies to the invitations to attend the Union Staff Training Seminar at Fisk:

Will attend:

1. Eula McGill, Organizer
   Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America
   P. O. Box 161
   Cookeville, Tennessee

2. Earl H. Henderson, UAW

3. James B. Turner, URWA

Unable to attend:

1. Thomas W. Culpepper, Sleeping Car Porters
   Atlanta

As we receive further replies, I'll write you.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Secretary to Emory Via

June 13, 1957

Via Air Mail

Mr. William K. Williams
Florida Council on Human Relations
213 N. E. Second Avenue
Miami, Florida

Dear Bill:

We are considering writing Kurt Peiser of the Food Fair Foundation asking about the possibilities of a grant to the Southern Regional Council. As you know, the Food Fair Foundation is a national organization.

I know in the past the Dade County Council has sought help from them. I do not know if you are contemplating the same. Frankly, do you feel an application from us would prejudice your asking for funds also? Please let me know quickly.

Best personal regards.

Your buddy,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

June 13, 1957

Miss Doris M. Leake
Georgia Leadership School
Paine College
Augusta, Georgia

Dear Miss Leake:

Thank you for your letter of this day. I am most grateful for the good and kind invitation to have me participate in the Georgia Leadership School. I particularly regret that I did not learn of this invitation until the 10th, since, prior comitments make it impossible to be in Augusta at the time of your school.

Mrs. Tilly of our staff has told me of the fine work done by the school and were it possible, we would be more than happy to make any possible contribution to it.

We at the Council extend our best wishes for a successful and productive week. And, again my deepest regrets over not being able to be with you. Perhaps in the future we will be able to contribute to the school.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

June 13, 1957

Mr. Robert Hughes
Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations
1218 Comer Building
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Bob:

You have received notice of the T.V. showing last Sunday on ABC of the film "Segregation and the South" produced by George Martin for the Fund for the Republic.

I thought you would want to know that the news film footage which George shot in Alabama with your untiring help figures importantly in the film. Among other things, the film includes part of the interview with you, the meeting of the Tuscaloosa interracial group, and the interracial student group at Talladega - these positive ~~representat~~ive things along with Ace Carter, the Klan, and so on. I hope the film will be shown in your vicinity, so that you will have a change to feel a justified glow of pride.

corrected on original ltr.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

June 13, 1957

Dear Dr. Clement:

I thought you would like to have a copy of this schedule of our investments purchased with the $200,000 grant from the Fund for the Republic.

Mr. Milton handled these transactions for us and was exceedingly helpful both in this respect and in giving us sound advice. I have, of course, written him a letter of warm thanks.

H.C.F.

June 13, 1957

Mr. Robert E. Hughes
1218 Comer Building
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Bob:

I am uneasy about the matter of the compilation of church statements prepared by the Greater Birmingham Council. I wrote you as enclosed on February 20th and there the matter has rested.

Was nothing ever decided? What would you like us to do with the compilation?

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Encl. - Ltr. dated February 20, 1957

June 12, 1957

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

Thanks for your letters of June 10th and particularly for the good suggestions on the memorandum to state chairmen. I have incorporated the additional points that you suggested and am sending the memorandum out over your name.

I will take up with Mr. Joseph Haas your suggestion about securing further information about Mr. Emerson's estate.

Enclosed for your information is a sheet showing our investment of the Fund for the Republic grant. Also enclosed is a letter from Mr. York Wilbern informing us of the circumstances which make it necessary for him to resign from our Board. I have written him expressing regret and saying that his letter will come before the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Encls. - 1 investment sheet
Ltr. from Mr. York Wilbern re: resignation

June 1~~4~~3, 1957

Mr. Charles J. Mumford, Director
Department of Political Science
Southern Maryland Free State Library
Association
P. O. Box 1493
Annapolis, Maryland

Dear Mr. Mumford:

This will acknowledge your letter of June 11th inquiring about the availability of New South back issues from 1946-1954 inclusive.

Our supply of some of these back issues is exhausted. However, we are sending you separately copies of all of them that are in stock. These are being sent to you on a complimentary basis.

— Sent 6/13/57 JC

I am enclosing a list of the state human relations councils affiliated with the Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Encl.

June 14, 1957

Mr. Jack Clareman
The Christopher Reynolds Foundation, Inc.
3040 Salmon Tower Building
11 West 42nd Street
New York 36, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Clareman:

This is to acknowledge, with warm thanks, your letter of June 11 advising us of favorable action on our request for a renewal of the Christopher Reynolds Foundation's 1956 grant. The Southern Regional Council is deeply grateful to the Foundation for this generous and vital assistance.

It was thoughtful of you to advise us that the Board of Directors is less interested in the foreign visitors' program than in other phases of our work. We shall be guided accordingly in requesting further assistance, and our future reports to the Foundation will deal with the broader aspects of the Council's program.

I hope that it will be convenient for the grant to be paid about the first of July.

With appreciation and every good wish, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/hs

June 14, 1957

Hon. Emanuel Celler
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Celler:

We felt that you would like to have a copy of the enclosed letter to Representative James C. Davis protesting his recent attack on the Southern Regional Council. Also enclosed are copies of editorials from the Atlanta Constitution and the Chattanooga Times commenting favorably on the Council and its work.

Please feel free to make any use you may wish of the enclosed letter and editorials.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:hs

encs

June 14, 1957

Mr. Howard Schuman
Office of Senator Paul Douglas
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Schuman:

I thought you and Senator Douglas should have the enclosed copy of my letter to Representative James C. Davis protesting his attack on the Southern Regional Council. Also enclosed are copies of editorials from the Atlanta Constitution and the Chattanooga Times commenting favorably on the Council and its work.

I have also sent copies of the enclosed to Representative Celler.

If you should find yourselves in need of documentation on the Council's origins or activities, do let me know.

With kindest regards to you and the Senator,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/hs

encs.

June 14, 1957

Reverend Harold C. Letts
Director of Social Action
The Board of Missions of the United
  Lutheran Church in America
231 Madison Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. Letts:

The materials requested by you in your letter of the 11th are being mailed to Mr. Reck at Wittenberg College.

I shall look forward to seeing you at the School on Race Relations.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Encl. - 1 biographical data sheet
1 copy of excerpts from speech
1 copy of ltr. to Mr. Reck - dtr. 6/14/57

June 14, 1957

Mr. John H. Marion,
Executive Director
The Virginia Council on Human Relations
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mr. Marion:

We will continue with the subscription of Mr. Pearson until November. We have a substantial list of free copies going out and it will be little noticed to add one more to it. This, I think, would be easier and less expensive than to have the Virginia Council pay the extra $2.

Of all times for good public relations, this must be it!

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/hs

June 14, 1957

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman, Executive Director
The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

First thank you for your kind words in your June 12, letter. I certainly do appreciate the thought.

As to the film, Harold had mentioned it to me but we only this week received it from the distributing company. It has gone out in the mail to you, and I do believe Harold has written you already. His letter probably crossed yours in the mail.

Again thanks, and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

June 14, 1957

Circulation Department
New York Herald Tribune
230 West 41st Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Sirs:

Recently we mailed you payment for copies of your paper which contained the Robert S. Bird series on the Ku Klux Klan. In opening our package, we discovered the first two articles missing. We hope you will send us these two copies also.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

June 14, 1957

Miss Anne Queen
Y.M.C.A. - Y.W.C.A.
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Anne:

This is indeed sad news to be writing to you but it is in connection with a request for aid similar to what you have performed in the past. Florence Irving is leaving us July 15, to return to North Carolina.

Needless to say we are very sorry to lose Florence.

We are wondering if you could perform the same kind of service as you did when you located Florence for us.

We thought of Jolee Fritz and wondered if she would be interested in coming back south again. Do you have her present address, and if there is any one else whom you know who would work out here at the Council, we would appreciate hearing from you.

When are you coming to Atlanta to see us and to get the gifts that we held for you on the return trip that never came off.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

June 14, 1957

Mr. W. M. Stokes
District Superintendent
Post Office Box 221
Bennettsville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Stokes:

I have just checked the plane schedule from Atlanta to Camden. I find I can leave Monday morning at 7:00 and reach Columbia at 8:26. I find a bus leaving for Camden at [illegible]:00. As I do not know the distance from the air port to the bus station, in all probability I would not make connections. If I do I find the bus will reach Camden at [illegible]56. What do you suggest I do?

In an emergency, I could come over Sunday, but this would make home complications. Please advise me what to do.

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

MET:lec

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

VIA AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY June 14, 1957

Mr. Frank Loescher
414 South 46th Street
Philadelphia 43, Pennsylvania

Dear Frank:

Thanks for your prompt reply. The plan you suggest suits me fine. I hope this isn't putting you to unnecessary travel and trouble.

Since I am to be in New York such short time, I expect I had better fly on in Wednesday night. Among other things, I need to spend some time with Josephine Wilkins. So reluctantly I will take a rain check on your much appreciated invitation to stop over in Philadelphia.

I am looking forward to seeing you - and Dave if he can make it.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

P. S. Did you see the enclosed in the New York Times?

PERSONAL

June 14, 1957

Mr. James T. McCain
Associate Director
The South Carolina Council on
Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Jim:

This will acknowledge your recent application for the intern position with SRC under the program coordinated by NAIRO.

This program is designed to make possible the recruitment of new, inexperienced young people for human relations work. So, both in terms of the job description and the salary that we can offer, you are far too seasoned and well qualified for the position.

I believe you know that we think very highly of your ability in this field. For that reason, we are concerned to know that you are evidently considering a change of position. I would appreciate anything that you might care to write me about your views and plans in this connection. Of course, such communication would be regarded as confidential.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

June 14, 1957

Mr. Harold C. Letts
Director of Social Action
The Board of Social Missions of the
United Lutheran Church in America
231 Madison Avenue at 37th Street
New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. Letts:

Thanks for your letter concerning Mr. Anthony's participation on your forthcoming School on Human Relations. I am delighted to learn that you are going to have such full Southern representation.

Your projected program in the South, made possible through a grant from the Fund for the Republic, is also very good news. We will look forward to working cooperatively with the person whom you assign to these duties. Meanwhile, call on us for any advice or assistance that we can give in the planning and implementation of this effort.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

June 14, 1957

Mr. Courtney Siceloff, Director
Penn Community Services, Inc.
St. Helena Island
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Courtney:

Thanks for your two recent communications and the encouraging news they contained. It is good to know that your local council in human relations is off the ground.

Lib has an excellent memory. We still have some materials on the community self-survey program and I should think that this technique could be adapted by your group. I am sending you a packet separately.

Whenever we can work out a trip down there, I will be happy to double in brass as honored outside speaker. Goodness knows when that will be, but our intentions are strong and durable.

Be sure to let me know how you make out with Mr. May. I hope you get lots.

Best to you both,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

June 14, 1957

Mr. Joseph Haas
1116 First National Bank Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Haas:

I thought you would like to see a copy of the reply that we received from the Boston law firm concerning the bequest to SRC in the will of the late Mr. William Emerson.

Mr. Wright has suggested that we might undertake to secure a copy of the preliminary appraisal of that estate as filed in Boston. He writes: "I should think that for a fairly small fee we might secure a photostat or a typewritten copy of the will and codicils together with the appraisal. While this would not be anything on which we could begin to write checks, it might give us something with which to occupy our minds during dull days."

I am less impatient than Mr. Wright and get the impression from the law firm's letter that they will send us further information as it becomes available in due course. But I would welcome your own view of Mr. Wright's suggestion and, if action is called for, advice as to procedure.

With appreciation for your help and kind regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Encl. - 1 copy of ltr. from Bingham, Dana & Gould
re: Emerson Will.

June 14, 1957

Mr. Malcolm Calhoun
Board of Church Extension
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.
Division of Christian Relations
341-B Ponce de Leon Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 5, Georgia

Dear Malcolm:

Last December, before George Mitchell left, he wrote you to express the hope that the Board of Church Extension might again include a contribution to SRC in its 1957 budget. This is by way of follow-up to inquire whether this item survived in the budget.

As you know, we receive an annual contribution from most of the larger denominations active in the South. Of these, none is more warmly valued than that from the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. Funds are always needed and welcome in this work, but more important is what this contribution signifies in terms of continuing friendship and common purpose.

With warm regards and best wishes for the success of your fine efforts,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

June 14, 1957

Mr. Walter B. Wheeler
Associate Director
Public Affairs Press
419 New Jersey Avenue, S. E.
Washington 3, D. C.

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

I regret that we are not able to take advantage of your offer of the 30% discount on a quantity order of Mr. Woofter's book. I am in hopes, however, that a good many of our state affiliates will purchase the book themselves.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

June 14, 1957

Mr. Alexis C. Ferm
Fairhope,
Alabama

Dear Mr. Ferm:

It was very thoughtful of you to send me a copy of your letter to the Klu Klux Klan. I read it with interest and appreciation.

I suppose it was too much to hope that the recipients of your letter were capable of absorbing the contents and benefiting from it. But, if so, you have given them a great deal to think about between cross burnings.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

June 14, 1957

Mr. Vinton E. Ziegler
58 Barrow Street
New York 14, New York

Dear Vinton:

I haven't forgotten our conversation. You haven't heard from me only because I have had nothing news worthy to impart.

Our own efforts to get the Council on its financial foot have gone reasonably well, and with a little bit more luck we will soon be able to see our way clear to the end of this year. Gratifying as this is, it gives us no margin for expansion or staff efforts in new directions. The Fund for the Republic recently approved a substantial additional grant to us effective October 1st, but it is to be spread over better than three years and leaves us with an unprecedentedly large sum to raise from other sources.

Corrected on original ltr.

All and all, I can offer little encouragement as to SRC possibilities. The only staff openings I know of call for Southerners to man field projects, and there are only a couple of those.

I wish I could write more hopefully, but all I can suggest is that Frank Loescher and AFSC are good contacts to stay in touch with - and you know this already.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

June 14, 1957

Hon. James C. Davis
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Davis:

In this morning's Atlanta Constitution, the following paragraphs appear:

> The Stone Mountain congressman attacked statistics on Negro voting in the South as prepared by the Southern Regional Council and quoted to the House by Rep. Celler (D-NY).
>
> Davis, in his speech, linked the Southern Regional Council with an earlier Southern Conference for Human Welfare, some of whose members he said had long records of connection with subversive front organizations.
>
> "I say that is not a respectable source of information for us to pass on in connection with this bill," he asserted.

While we have not seen the full text of your remarks, the views attributed to you above are wholly unjustified. The Southern Regional Council is the direct successor to the Commission on Interracial Cooperation, which was founded in 1919, and has never had any connection with the Southern Conference for Human Welfare or its successor, the Southern Conference Educational Fund.

Furthermore, any suggestion that the Southern Regional Council is or has ever been sympathetic to the Communist movement is utterly false. Since it was founded, the Southern Regional Council has been squarely opposed to Communism and all other totalitarian philosophies. Untrue allegations to the contrary do a grave disservice to some of the South's finest citizens, and give comfort only to the Communists themselves.

The Southern Regional Council's findings on Negro voter registration in the South stand on their own merits. The study was conducted last summer as part of the Council's continuing survey of progress in this field, and the results were supplied to the Library of Congress at its request.

Wherever available, official sources were drawn on. You may be interested to know that the Georgia registration figures cited in our report were those on file at the office of the Georgia Secretary of State as of late summer 1956.

Very truly yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/hs

cc: Rep. Emanuel Celler

June 14, 1957

Mr. James T. McCain, Associate Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Jim:

Your note with the enclosed clippings regarding the School Board election in Sumter was like a breath of fresh air. I keep telling people that democracy is not dead in the South; it's only sleeping. Every once in a while it stretches, yawns, and moves. It has just done so in Sumter.

Warm personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

June 14, 1957

S/Sgt. Larry Bables
AF 19 464 437
Box A-9
321st Armament & Electronic Maintron
Pinecastle Air Force Base
Orlando, Florida

Dear Sgt. Bables:

I wondered what had become of you after our discussion at St. John's Church, for I never heard from you. Then, this morning your letter came.

In the meantime I had taken up the question of non-inclusive, off-base higher educational facilities sponsored in whole or in part by a branch of the armed forces, with a member of the office of the Secretary of Defense. They were already in the process of investigating all such incidents.

Before we could present any findings regarding your local situation, we would have to have more specific information. Specifically, we would need the answers to at least the following questions:

1. Are the courses offered for Air Force personnel at Rollins College paid for, in whole or in part, by the Air Force?

2. If so, have you or other qualified Negro Air Force personnel properly applied for the courses?

3. If so, have you or other qualified Negro Air Force personnel been refused on the basis of race?

4. Have announcements been made, by the I&E office, that courses offered at Rollins were for white personnel only and were paid for, in

part or in whole, by the Air Force?

In answering these questions any documentary evidence would be helpful.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

June 14, 1957

Mr. John H. Marion
Executive Director
Virginia Council on Human Relations
100 East Franklin Street
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Jack:

We have received your letter of June 13 with the itemized account of secretarial expenditures. I have turned it over to Mrs. Alexander for appropriate action and you will be receiving a check in the next few days.

I am extremely pleased that Colgate Darden has at last broken the silence, thereby adding his voice to the cause of decency in Virginia. I have long wondered how long the respectable and responsible leadership of the Old Dominion would turn their backs on their tradition and turn deafened ears to the call for honesty. The statement of the Richmond Ministers and this recent utterance of Darden indicate, I believe, a turning point in the affairs of Virginia.

Warm personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E.
ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA
JAckson 2-8764

HAROLD C. FLEMING
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

June 14, 1957

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

MEMORANDUM

To: Executive Committee

From: Harold C. Fleming

Subj: DATES OF NEXT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

You will recall that at the last meeting we agreed that the Executive Committee would reconvene in July. It appears to the staff that the week beginning on July 15th would be most convenient. We have designated on the enclosed return postal card two alternative dates in that week and have left a space for additional choices if neither of the two shown is possible. Please fill out the card and return it to us at the earliest convenience.

Despite the fact that this is a mid-summer meeting, I very much hope that we can have full attendance. Two especially important matters must be dealt with:

(1) Aid to state groups for the coming fiscal year. On the basis of the recently approved grant from the Fund for the Republic we are proposing to make available a total of $40,000 for the state councils between October 1, 1957 and October 1, 1958. On the basis of proposals from the state groups, the Executive Committee must decide how these funds will be distributed.

(2) Annual meeting in September? This question was deferred at the last Executive Committee meeting. This annual meeting, whenever held, will be of crucial importance. We must make fundamental

organizational changes and set our policy and plans for the coming period of operation.

As soon as the date of the July meeting is final, we will send you background material for your advance consideration. Meanwhile, I do hope you will plan to be present.

June 17, 1957

Mr. Irwin Schulman
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
41 Exchange Place, S. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Schulman:

The fact that I have been so rushed and in the midst of a minor operation on my foot has kept me from writing you my appreciation of your letter concerning the National Women's Conference on Intergroup Relations. It was most stimulating and I received more help and information from it than any assistance I gave to the discussion.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

June 17, 1957

Mrs. G. C. Brown
Mather Academy
Camden, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Brown:

Thank you so much for your letter. I will leave here Sunday afternoon at 1:30 by plane and reach Columbia at 2:28. I have not checked the bus schedule but you may know about what time I will reach Camden. I wanted to wait until Monday morning but find the connection was too close.

Looking forward to being in the school and being with you, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

June 17, 1957

Christian Advocate
Methodist Publishing House
740 Rush Street
Chicago 11, Illinois

Gentlemen:

Enclosed you will find a check for $3.00 for subscription to the new Christian Advocate. I regret that I did not subscribe sooner, but since the very first edition of the Advocate years and years ago, it has come into our family without a break.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec
Encl.

June 17, 1957

Mrs. Ottilia De O. Chaves
Caixa Postal 1905
Porto Alegre R.S.
Brasil

Dear Mrs. Chaves:

I have read with interest your letter describing honorably the work you did in our country, and what you are doing in Latin America. You have indeed been busy helping us and helping the women in Latin America. When you are in Atlanta again, please call me.

With love and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

Enclosures: Ltr. to Rep. James C. Davis re: Defence of SRC
NYT article re: James C. Davis' criticism of SRC
News & Courier Article: "Why Pick on Dixie" - June 13, 1957
Ltr. to Law Firm re: Emerson Will - June 17, 1957
Ltr. From Christopheer Reynolds Foundationre: 1957 grant to SRC

June 17, 1957

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

I was glad to get your note, both for the fine backhanded compliment from the News and Courier and for the information as to your whereabouts. I tried to reach you on Friday and Saturday about one or two matters which I summarise below:

(1) You may not yet have seen the story enclosed from the New York Times, recounting Senator Douglas' use of our voting findings on the floor of the Senate. Representative Celler made similar use in the House. This was the occasion for an inevitable attack upon us by Representative James C. Davis. It seemed of some importance to get our rebuttal into the hands of Davis, Douglas and Celler at onee, while the issue was still under debate. Therefore, failing in my efforts to reach you, I wrote as enclosed to Davis and sent a copy to the other two gentlemen along with some Southern newspaper editorials commenting favorably on SRC. I hope this course of action has your approval.

(2) I am also enclosing a letter to the Cambridge law firm, the text of which was supplied verbatim by Mr. Joseph Haas. Mr. Haas' feeling was that it would not be worthwhile to try to obtain a copy of the will and appraisal at this time, but that this letter to the law firm would produce all of the information that is needed. I will let you know at once what reply we receive.

(3) You will have received by now a copy of my circular memorandum to the Executive Committee requesting indication of preferences as to dates of the next meeting. Having failed to reach you and Dr. Clement, in the interest of time I took the liberty of proposing these alternatives. I hope they are satisfactory to the two of you, but if not you will note that space is provided for the indication of other dates.

(4) I thought you would want to see the enclosed copy of a letter from the Christopher Reynolds Foundation informing us that our request for a renewal of their 1956 grant of $5,000 was favorably acted on. We were not very happy with the foreign visitor justification for this grant (which dates back some two years), so that Mr. Clareman's letter pleased us on that count and also because it suggests receptivity to future requests for further aid.

Since I want to inform Dr. Clement of several of these matters, I am taking the easy course of sending him a copy of this letter with enclosures.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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Enclosures

CC: Dr. Rufus E. Clement

June 17, 1957

General Board of World Peace
740 Rush Street
Chicago 11, Illinois

Gentlemen:

Enclosed you will find a check for $1.00 for my subscription to the Courier.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec
Encl.

June 17, 1957

Mrs. Thelma Stevens
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Thelma:

Please hold the week of October 21 and October 28 and 29 for me a few days longer. Some of us have some ideals that it would be well to bring Mrs. Roosevelt with us for the meeting. As it stands now I can be at Lake Junaluska on July 5.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

June 17, 1957

Dr. George C. Paulk, Jr.
Chiropractic Clinic
1139 West Peachtree Street, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Paulk:

I have seen a copy of "Life Lines" which you sent to my sister, Miss Miriam Rogers. There are words of philosophy and religion in it. I would like so much to have fifteen copies that I may use in study classes. I do not know the price or I would enclose a check.

Please mail me the copies with the bill following.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

June 17, 1957

Mrs. Esther C. Stamats, Director
Christian Social Relations
National Council of the Churches of Christ in USA
General Department of United Church Women
175 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Esther:

Please hold the week of October 21, and the 28th to the 30th for a few days. You will hear from me as soon as I clear some other dates. But the work shop will certainly be within these dates.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
DIRECTOR OF WOMEN'S WORK

MET:lec

June 17, 1957

Mrs. Dale C. Ganyard
216 Hepley Avenue
Bucyrus, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Ganyard:

Your letter of June 14, 1957, has been referred to me. Unfortunately, we have very little free material; but almost all our material is sold at or near cost.

We are sending you, under separate cover, a packet of material which may be of interest to you. The prices of individual items are marked on the front with the exception of three pieces of the material. The copy of "The Annals" is for your own use in preparing material, but we do not have additional pieces of this literature for distribution. The pamphlet "What's Happening in School Integration?" is also for your own use. Additional copies may be secured from the Public Affairs Pamphlet if desired.

The only material enclosed which we could supply in quantity without cost is the pamphlet "Desegregation in the Baltimore City Schools". Let me know if you would like me to send you additional copies of this pamphlet and I will do so if your organisation will pay the mailing cost.

The material that is priced may be had separately at the listed price or as a packet for $1.00 each. If we can supply you with any of these pamphlets, please let us know.

The copy of "New South" is the latest issue of our monthly magazine which can be bought at twenty cents a copy of $2.00 for a year's subscription.

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lee

June 17, 1957

The Law Firm of Bingham,
Dana and Gould
1 Federal Street
Boston 10, Massachusetts

Dear Sirs:

We appreciate very much your letter of June 3rd. Fully understanding that matters of probate are not completed without the passage of some time which is necessary in the settlement of estates, we respectfully ask if you would be good enough to send us a copy of the appraisal of the estate when, in the normal course of events, this becomes available.

We look forward to your advising us whether you can do this, and, if so, approximately when you think this will be available.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

June 17, 1957

Mr. Howard Schuman
Office of Senator Paul Douglas
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Schuman:

We thought you might be interested in the enclosed article from the Palmetto Leader.

Substantially the same article appeared in the Columbia State on June 12, 1957 in case you would like to verify the article with another newspaper.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/mf

Encl. - 1 newspaper clipping

June 17, 1957

Mr. Ben Segal
Trade Union Consultant
The Fund for the Republic
1820 Jefferson Place, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ben:

Registration now looks like this:

CWA - 1 (probably Lee White)
UAW - 4 (Henderson, Frazier, Wagner, and Hardin)
ACWA - 1 (Eula McGill)
URWA - 1 (Jim Turner - possibly one more)
Brewery- 1 (Jim Wolfe - possibly one more)
Va. AFL-CIO - 1 (Julien Carper)
IUE - 1 (Ken Peterson)
TWUA - 2 ("Red" Lisk and Ray Berthiune, plus Boyd Payton and Wayne Durningcourt (?) for 10-13th, and good chance of Dave Terry and Bartchfield coming for whole seminar)
American Fed. of State, Co., etc. - 1 (Probably Hank Wilson).

I do not actually have registrations for all of these in hand, but they have either written, talked with you, or given me oral assurance of attending. I head for Tennessee and Arkansas in a day or two. The Northward and Southward trip was rewarding - real good to see you and family and meet with folks in D.C.

Your end of my expenses amounts to $45.32. This includes plane from Greensboro to Richmond and return, train from Richmond to D.C. and return, a couple of meals en route, and a couple of cab fares.

You can see that my most successful stop was with Boyd in Charlotte -

he talked with about ten staff guys while I was in his office.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

June 17, 1957

Mr. Henry Catchings
American Friends Service Committee
1818 South Main Street
High Point, North Carolina

Dear Henry:

Enclosed are two copies each of letters and materials relating to Union Staff Training Seminar which we are conducting in conjunction with Fisk Institute on Race Relations.

Good to have seen you week before last; I saw Mayes in Charlotte.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

June 18, 1957

Mr. Douglass Cater
The Reporter
1107 National Press Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Cater:

I am enclosing a recent article on the Atlanta transportation situation which may be of interest to you. Copies of the New South for 1957 have been sent under separate cover. You will receive future issues on a current basis.

Thank you for returning Phylon so promptly. I hope that you will be able to return the other material by Tuesday, June 25th.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI:mdn

June 18, 1957

Miss Katharine Taylor
41 Hawthorne Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Katharine:

I thought you might like to see the reply we received from the Cambridge law firm handling the estate of Mr. Emerson.

On the face of it, the bequest sounds most impressive, though we understand that "residue" can mean almost anything depending on the size of the estate and the specific bequests provided for.

In any case, it is deeply satisfying for the Council to be remembered in this way, particularly by so magnificent a person as Mr. Emerson clearly was. We are grateful to you once again for having made the Council's work known so helpfully.

I am going to be in New York again Wednesday evening, Thursday, and Friday morning of this week - stopping at the Roosevelt once more. I am not optimist enough to suppose that lightning will strike again, but I didn't want to miss even an infinitesimal chance.

Warm greetings from all of us.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - Ltr. from Bingham, Dana & Gould

June 18, 1957

Mr. Edwin J. Lukas
The American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Ed::

I have read Mrs. Record's article in the American Scholar with great interest. I think it would have a helpful effect on a substantial audience in the South - namely, those who are receptive to the idea of desegregation but have been disturbed by the constant propaganda linking desegregation with Communist. I don't think it would be helpful in changing the opinions of emotionally committed segregationists. We could reach some hundreds of the kind of people I am talking about, and other agencies such as the church groups could reach more. I dare say there are Northern uses too, but you can assess those better than I can.

Let me know what you decide. If reprint money is a factor, perhaps we could come in for a modest share of the cost.

I am enclosing a couple of items that you might find of passing interest. I trust you will feel appropriately rebuked by the comments of the American Mercury or perhaps, like us, you will feel complimented.

Best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

June 18, 1957

Dr. Charles H. Thompson, Editor
Journal of Negro Education
Howard University
Washington 1, D.C.

Dear Dr. Thompson:

I have received the manuscripts for all of the Southern States except Tennessee and Mississippi, and have held my article in anticipation of their receipt. Please tell me if I should continue to do this, or if I should send my article to you immediately.

The Council has made corrections in many of the voting figures furnished you, and we will send you the revised figures very shortly. These revisions call for changes in the manuscripts of Mr. Comillion and Mr. Bullock, but probably will not affect the reports of other contributors. We will send you a corrected table for page 2 of Mr. Gomillion's report, and Mr. Bullock will probably write you regarding his report. Pages 16 and 17 of his report list 954,115 Texas Non-Whites of voting age in 1956, but this number is apparently a mistake since the total of all Non-Whites in the state in 1950 was 984,660. There were 582,944 Non-Whites of voting age in 1950. Correction of Mr. Bullock's figures would require changes in his statements on page 14 and elsewhere. I have also wondered if the figure on page 16 for white persons over 21 is for all of Texas, since the 1950 census report of 4,154,281 exceeds this.

I have not scrutinized the reports for all of the states, and I do not wish you to think that I am editing the reports of the contributors. However, I would like to raise one other question. Would you assume from reading paragraph 2, page 9, of Dr. Newton's article on North Carolina that no Negroes had been elected to public office prior to 1951?

Rev. Kenneth Williams was elected to the Winston-Salem Board of Aldermen in 1947 and re-elected in 1949. He did not seek re-election in 1951, but Rev. William Crawford, a Negro, was elected. In Fayetteville, Dr. W. P. Devane, also a Negro, was elected to the City Council in 1949.

For future correspondence, you might wish to note that I am Miss, not Mrs., Irving.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI:mdn

June 18, 1957

Mr. Jack Weinberger
Secretary-Treasurer
Hotel and Restaurant Employees and Bartenders International Union
525 Walnut Street
Cincinnati 2, Ohio

Dear Brother Weinberger:

Enclosed are announcements and letters relating to a Labor Staff Seminar which we are sponsoring in conjunction with the Fisk Institute of Race Relations. I thought that this special Seminar would be of interest to the national office of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees and to any staff persons working in the South.

We would like to have members of your union participating in this institute. Please send registrations, or the names of persons I should contact directly, to me as soon as possible.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm
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P.S. I'm sending this same information to President Miller.

June 18, 1957

Mr. Edward S. Miller
General President
Hotel and Restaurant Employees and Bartenders International Union
525 Walnut Street
Cincinnati 2, Ohio

Dear Brother Miller:

Enclosed are announcements and letters relating to a Labor Staff Seminar which we are sponsoring in conjunction with the Fisk Institute of Race Relations. I thought that this special Seminar would be of interest to the national office of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees and to any staff persons working in the South.

We would like to have members of your union participating in this institute. Please send registrations, or the names of persons I should contact directly, to me as soon as possible.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

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June 18, 1957

Mr. John Edleman
Textile Workers Union of America
718 Jackson Place, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear John:

It was very good to see you in Washington the other week. I had a brief talk with Bruce Davis in Charlotte, and I hope that he passed on to you the suggestion of writing up the Avondale Mill incident for the Junaluska Conference sponsored by the Methodist Church. This would be particularly appropriate since Hugh Comer will appear on the Junaluska program.

Please call on me whenever you think there is a service that I can render and I would appreciate receiving pertinent bits of information from you from time to time.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

June 18, 1957

Mr. Ralph R. Roberts
Clerk of the House of Representatives
House of Representatives Office Building
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Please send me a copy of the latest Guide To Subversive Organizations and Publications.

Sincerely,

Florence B . Irving
Research Assistant

FBI:mdn

Reading file

June 18, 1957

Mrs. Mollie Todd
1489 Clairmont Place
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mollie:

I have talked with Harold Fleming and C. H. Parrish about the financial obligations of the Tennessee Council to Mrs. Bonita Valien. Her work for T.C.H.R. was completed during the 1955-56 fiscal year; had a voucher been submitted at the conclusion of her work she could have been paid from Tennessee's allocation for that year. At the close of the fiscal year, September 30, 1956, all unspent state funds were regarded as forfeited and allocated to other purposes.

I would suggest that you ascertain from Mrs. Valien what her understanding was of the financial agreement for coordinating the Central Tennessee consultants; this would be in addition to the forty days consultant work she did herself. I would also get the same information from Woods Beckman; and, if Elsie Lewis was a party to the agreement, her understanding of it would also be relevant.

You could then present these findings to the next meeting of the Executive Committee of the Tennessee Council - or perhaps a special meeting might be called to consider this matter. They could decide, in the light of such information, the amount due Mrs. Valien and how they propose to meet this obligation.

As you know, there is $2,500 available to the Tennessee Council for the next three months; we would consider a request that Mrs. Valien be paid out of this sum, but that would proportionately reduce the pro-rata amount available for any staffed operation in this fiscal year.

I am sure that you feel, as I do, that this is a matter involving the good name of the Tennessee Council and that a proper disposition of it as quickly as possible is much to be desired.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

cc: A. C. Miller
F. Woods Beckman

June 18, 1957

Industrial Union Department
AFL-CIO Building
815 - 16th Street, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

It might help to clean up your mailing list and to facilitate our receipt of mail if you would remove the names of George S. Mitchell and Guy B. Johnson as still being at our address (slips from your address plates are enclosed).

However, please include on your list:

Editor, New South
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

and:

Emory F. Via, Labor Consultant
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia.

You can reach George S. Mitchell at Glencoe, Argyle, Scotland; Guy B. Johnson may be reached at the Department of Sociology, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

June 18, 1957

Mrs. R. S. Lyells
Mississippi State Council on Human Relations
P. O. Box 9096
Jackson 3, Mississippi

Dear Ruby:

I have received your letter of June 19 in which you suggest the dates of the 15th, 16th, or 17th of July for a meeting with the Mississippi Council Executive Committee. Unfortunately these dates are filled here at the Council with our own Executive Committee meeting, which I, of course, must attend. I would suggest that any time during the next week would be more convenient. That is the week beginning July 22. Both C. H. Parrish and I would be glad to come out to talk with the Executive Committee of the Mississippi State Council.

Best regards. Let us hear from you.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

P.S. I suggest you direct your reply to C. H., in care of this office, for I shall be out of the office the next two weeks.

June 18, 1957

Dr. J. B. Jones
Director of Student Personnel and Guidance
Agricultural, Mechanical, and Normal College
Pine Bluff, Arkansas

Dear Dr. Jones:

Thank you for your letter of June 14th in which you list the applications from Arkansas for the Encampment for Citizenship. Your organization has done an outstanding job of screening students and I wish it had been possible for all of our state organizations to find a cooperative testing center such as yours. I have received information this morning from the Encampment telling me that the three persons whom you screened have been accepted.

We here at the Southern Regional Council believe that the experience young people have at the Encampment for Citizenship is one of the outstanding events of their lives. We believe that a democratic society in the South is dependent upon a trained, informed, and experienced leadership and the Encampment provides that for us.

Thanks for your effort in this area. Best regards.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

June 18, 1957

Mr. Bill Williams
Florida Council on Human Relations
213 N. E. Second Avenue
Miami, Florida

Dear Bill:

Thanks a lot for your letter of June 14th. I am glad that you and Seymour feel there is room for both of us at the Food Fair Foundation. We will be glad to wait until the second week in July for applying to them, so the first crack at the dough is yours.

We do not like to come into any state of the South seeking funds when we have an affiliated state organization there. We believe that local funds should go for state organizations, but when there is a national foundation which happens to be located in one of the states where we have a state affiliate, we feel that it is only fair to approach the foundation, but only after securing the blessings of the state group. Thanks for your blessings.

Best regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

June 18, 1957

Mr. Alex Brooks
The Encampment for Citizenship
2 West 64th Street
New York 23, New York

Dear Alex:

Thank you for your letter of June 17th, which I received this morning. We are pleased that nine qualified applicants have already been received at the Encampment for Citizenship. I believe you will be receiving more from the state organizations in the next few days. Not long ago I sent out a special memorandum urging them to press on, and find the more qualified candidates. We sincerely believe that what you are doing is of very great importance to the future of the nation and of special importance to the South.

Congratulations on the sizable number of people who have already been chosen by the Encampment. I think it is wonderful that you have between 140 and 150 people for this year.

I am off on my vacation to Canada in the next few days. I will be in touch with you from time to time. I only wish it were possible for me to stop through New York and say hello personally.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

June 18, 1957

Mr. J. M. Dabbs
Rip Raps Plantation
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

Thank you for your letter of June 17th. I am not a member of NPA's Committee of the South though I am well acquainted with it. Paul Christopher and Al Dent are both members of it. You might write them; however, from my knowledge of the Committee, I doubt that they would sponsor such a speaking tour as you propose. Thus far, they have been unwilling to issue a statement in support of law and order.

The American Friends Service Committee, of course, is another question. We have the highest regard for them but I doubt if they reach more highly into the power structure than we do.

I sincerely hope you will live to be a hundred, not just to see what's going to happen, but to help it along. More branch water is in order when next we meet.

Warm personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

June 18, 1957

Mr. John Hope II
Race Relations Department
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear John:

It would be helpful for Ben Segal to know in what ways you wish to use him at the Institute on Race Relations. You had mentioned the possibility of a civil liberties session of some sort.

I'll try to let you know soon when I can first arrive at the Institute and in what ways you can be most helpful to the Labor Seminar.

Best personal wishes.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

June 19, 1957

Mr. Paul Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mr. Williams:

Harold Fleming has asked that I respond to your letter of June 13th, since he left the city shortly after receiving your letter. The attached list of individuals are those selected by Harold. I have added a brief biographical sketch to assist in identification and selection.

We look forward to seeing you in Atlanta for the coming Executive Committee meeting.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1list

Sent To: Paul Toms as suggested names for nomination to People-To-People Internat'l Friendship Program committees

June 19, 1957

LIST

BANKING:

John H. Wheeler - President, Mechanics & Farmers Bank, Durham, North Carolina. An attorney. Other information not immediately available.

Lorimer D. Milton - President, Citizens' Trust Company, Atlanta, Georgia; Treasurer, Southeastern Fidelity Fire Insurance Company; Director, Afro-American Life Insurance Company; Chairman, Board of Trustees, Howard University. Former member, Small Business Commission, U. S. Department of Commerce and Social Security Board of Federal Advisory Council. Member, 1956, of President's Committee, White House Conference on Education. 1955

EDUCATION:

Dr. Rufus E. Clement - President, Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia. Member, Atlanta Board of Education. Advisory Commission of the United States Office of Education Survey on Higher Education for Negroes, NEA Committee on International Relations.

Dr. Albert W. Dent - President, Dillard University, New Orleans, Louisiana. Former Chairman, National Conference of Hospital Administrators; President, National Student Health Association; Fellow, American College of Hospital Administrators.

Dr. Luther H. Foster - President, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama. Served in 1954 as U. S. representative on The Commission to Study Rural Higher Education in India. A director, United Negro College Fund and trustee of the George Washington Carver Foundation.

MEDICINE:

Dr. F. D. Funderburg - Monticello, Georgia. Elderly and much respected physician, surgeon and civic leader.

RELIGION:

Dr. Benjamin E. Mays - President, Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia. Formerly Dean of the School of Religion at Howard

Religion - continued

University. Board member, National YMCA; Board member and past vice-president, National Council of Churches of Christ in America. Past member of the Central Committee, World Council of Churches.

Dr. Harry V. Richardson - President, Gammon Theological Seminary. Member, General Board, National Council of Churches of Christ in America; Member, Council on Evangelism, The Methodist Church; Delegate to the Second Assembly of World Council of Churches.

NEWSPAPERMEN:

Mr. Carter Wesley - Publisher, The Informer, Houston, Texas. Doctor of Jurisprudence, Northwestern University; Member, National Bar Association and National Negro Publishers Association.

Thomas W. Young - President and General Manager, the Guide Publishing Company, Inc., (Publishers of Norfolk Journal & Guide), 719 E. Olney Road, Norfolk, Virginia.

William Gordon - City Editor (and former managing editor) The Atlanta Daily World; Nieman Fellow, 1952-53; Member, Harvard University International Forum and an Atlanta sponsor, The Governmental Affairs Institute. Address: 92 Burbank Drive, S. W., Atlanta, Georgia

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June 19, 1957

Mr. Paul Wagner
UAW Region 8
526 St. Paul Place
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Brother Wagner:

Enclosed is the official application blank for our Union Staff Training Seminar held in conjunction with the Fisk Race Relations Institute.

Please fill this in and return it to me as soon as possible. I look forward to seeing you at the Institute.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm
Enclosures

June 19, 1957

Mr. James McBride Dabbs
Rip Raps Plantation
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

We are mailing you, under separate cover, twelve copies of our June issue of "New South" in which your article "The Man Across The Table" appears. I hope that I did not take too much liberty with the article but we already have one good comment from the office here. Harold's secretary commented very favorably on reading the article.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

June 19, 1957

Miss J. Margaret Carter
Director of Film Distribution
National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.
220 Fifth Avenue,
New York 1, New York

Dear Miss Carter:

Thanks for your letter concerning the "Broken Mask." I have already announced the availability of this film to the staff members of our various state affiliates. If you would send me about 25 copies of each of the promotional pieces, I could make good use of them.

I would like to reserve the "Broken Mask" for the week of July 8th through the 12th. Please send it to me in care of:

John Hope II
Fisk Institute of Race Relations
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee.

I plan to use the film in connection with a special Union Staff Training Seminar, which we are conducting in conjunction with the Fisk Raced Relations Institute.

Basically it is a good film. It is of limited usefulness to me with most of the groups with which I deal. I am sure that much of it will be considered as a "strong dose" for Southern audiences, but I feel certain that many church, perhaps especially youth, groups will find it a useful film. I will be happy to pass on to you at a later date any ideas that we may have here as to the distribution of the film.

Sincerely yours,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

June 19, 1957

Mr. Arthur J. Levin
Director, Anti-Defamation League
41 Exchange Place, S.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Art:

As I indicated to you Monday I am planning informal visits to some of the key cities of the South. Primarily I am concerned with the views of knowledgeable persons in these communities regarding the status of the community in the matter of desegregation, their notions of what needs to be done next and their feeling about the possibility of a cooperative effort.

The cities I had thought about in connection with this trip are as follows: Memphis, Birmingham, Jacksonville, Richmond, New Orleans, Dallas, Houston. It will be helpful if you can suggest to me persons to whom I might talk and from whom I could get the kind of information I desire. I'll be glad to come by and talk with you about this early next week.

Cordially,

C. H. Parrish
Program Associate

CHP:mm

June 19, 1957

Mr. E. T. Kehrer
Director, Southeastern Region
ILGWU
1489 Gordon Street, S.W.
Atlanta 10, Georgia

Dear Al:

I am really sorry that our schedules so rarely allow us to be in Atlanta at the same time. We very much want someone from the ILGWU to attend the Fisk Institute.

I will be out of town when you return from New York on June 20. However, I will call your office on the 24th.

Best personal wishes.

Fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm
Signed in Mr. Via's absence.

June 19, 1957

Mr. George T. Guernsey
Assistant Director of Education
AFL-CIO
815 - 16th Street, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear George:

Thanks for your letter on the "Broken Mask." I have already heard from Margaret Carter. I hope to use the film at the Labor Staff Seminar which we are running at Fisk; also, I am sure that some of our state affiliates will find use for the film.

Thanks for your offer to see that I get materials from the Education Department; as of now, I believe the only thing that I receive from the Department is the News and Views. I would appreciate receiving other materials as well.

I have done some rummaging around regarding the Lake Junaluska Conference on Labor, Industry, and Church, and the specific question of attendance by Negroes. Elija Jackson and Earl Davis are two Negro staffers assigned to carry Haigler's office; I do not know these men personally nor their church affiliations, but I understand they are competent union staffers even though quite busy at this time.

I am sorry to have been so slow in answering your letter of June 12th, but I have been away from the office for some ten days. It was good to have been with you at Lake Junaluska.

Best personal wishes.

Fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

June 19, 1957

Mr. Shad Polier, Chairman
Commission on Law and Social Action
American Jewish Congress
15 East 84th Street
New York, New York.

Dear Mr. Polier:

Please send us a copy of " The Assault Upon Freedom of Association: A Study of the Continuing Attack on the NAACP in the South".

If there is any charge, please enclose an invoice.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI:mdn

June 19, 1957

Mr. Herman Edelsberg
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
1003 "K" Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Herman:

Art Levin suggested that I send you the enclosed letter protesting James C. Davis' attack on SRC in connection with the civil rights debate in the House. I sent a copy of this to Representative Celler and Senator Douglas, as well as copies of the two editorials that are also enclosed.

The attack up to now hasn't seemed important enough to warrant a full dress reply, but if it should reach that point in the Senate debate, I am sure you could be most helpful to us.

If you should find yourself in a position to be helpful to us and need further information, please call Paul Anthony of this office collect. I am going to be in New York for the next few days, but will be on deck again next week.

With appreciation for all your good works and kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - Ltr. to Rep. James C. Davis

June 19, 1957

Mrs. Margaret Price
Route 1, Box 272
McLean, Virginia

Dear Margaret:

Having failed to reach you by telephone (I assume you are still with your family), I thought I should let you know this way that voting figures have been playing an important part in the Congressional civil rights debate.

Enclosed is a copy of a story by Reston which gives some of the story. Needless to say, Jim Davis saw fit to mount an assault on us after Celler introduced the figures in the House.

I am about to be off on a trip, but later on will fill you in on more detail.

Did you see Bim's copy on the obnoxious character who directs SRC?

Best to you both,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Enclosure

June 19, 1957

Mr. Harry S. Ashmore
Executive Editor
Arkansas Gazette
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mas'r Harry:

The rest of your MS arrived as I was on the eve of a trip behind Union lines. I read it straight through with relish last night and have sent it over to McGill today.

Aside from a proprietary twinge at your brief but rugged dismissal of human relations folk, I have nothing but praise. I will hope for a chance to communicate with you in a more full-lipped fashion soon. Meanwhile, all the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

June 19, 1957

Mr. Andrew W. Gottschall, Jr.
Associate Director
The National Conference of Christians
and Jews, Inc.
790 Broad Street
Newark 2, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Gottschall:

We have several desegregation pamphlets which fit the description in your letter of the 17th. Therefore, there is some confusion in our mind as to the one in question. If you could send us more specific information, preferably the title of the pamphlet, we will be happy to determine whether they are available.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

June 19, 1957

Mr. Harold C. Letts
Director of Social Action
The Board of Social Missions of the
United Lutheran Church in America
231 Madison Avenue at 37th Street
New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. Letts:

Thank you for your letter of the 16th. I am happy to have your description of my presentation at the School on Race Relations since there was a slightly different idea in mind from the program.

Your suggestion concerning literature is a good one and we will mail to Springfield copies of New South and other available literature. It will not be possible to send 75 copies of some of our appropriate materials. Where this is the case, we will send along sample copies and be happy to mail copies to individuals who request them.

I deeply regret that it will be impossible for me to be in Springfield for the entire week. However, I will arrive no later than Wednesday evening and remain for the rest of the conference.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

Sent to: Paul Wms. as suggested
names for nomination to
People-to-People Internat'l friendship program committees

June 19, 1957

LIST

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BANKING:

John H. Wheeler - President, Mechanics & Farmers Bank, Durham, North Carolina. An attorney. Other information not immediately available.

Lorimer D. Milton - President, Citizens' Trust Company, Atlanta, Georgia; Treasurer, Southeastern Fidelity Fire Insurance Company; Director, Afro-American Life Insurance Company; Chairman, Board of Trustees, Howard University. Former member, Small Business Commission, U. S. Department of Commerce and Social Security Board of Federal Advisory Council. Member, 1956, of President's Committee, White House Conference on Education.

EDUCATION:

Dr. Rufus E. Clement - President, Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia. Member, Atlanta Board of Education. Advisory Commission of the United States Office of Education Survey on Higher Education for Negroes, NEA Committee on International Relations.

Dr. Albert W. Dent - President, Dillard University, New Orleans, Louisiana. Former Chairman, National Conference of Hospital Administrators; President, National Student Health Association; Fellow, American College of Hospital Administrators.

Dr. Luther H. Foster - President, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama. Served in 1954 as U. S. representative on The Commission to Study Rural Higher Education in in India. A director, United Negro College Fund and trustee of the George Washington Carver Foundation.

MEDICINE:

Dr. F. D. Funderburg - Monticello, Georgia. Elderly and much respected physician, surgeon and civic leader.

RELIGION:

Dr. Benjamin E. Mays - President, Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia. Formerly Dean of the School of Religion at Howard

Religion - continued

University. Board member, National YMCA; Board member and past vice-president, National Council of Churches of Christ in America. Past member of the Central Committee, World Council of Churches.

Dr. Harry V. Richardson - President, Gammon Theological Seminary. Member, General Board, National Council of Churches of Christ in America; Member, Council on Egangelism, The Methodist Church; Delegate to the Second Assembly of World Council of Churches.

NEWSPAPERMEN:

Mr. Carter Wesley - Publisher, The Informer, Houston, Texas. Doctor of Jurisprudence, Northwestern University; Member, National Bar Association and National Negro Publishers Association.

Thomas W. Young - President and General Manager, the Guide Publishing Company, Inc., (Publishers of Norfolk Journal & Guide), 719 E. Olney Road, Norfolk, Virginia.

William Gordon: - City Editor (and former managing editor) The Atlanta Daily World; Nieman Fellow, 1952-53; Member, Harvard University International Forum and an Atlanta sponsor, The Governmental Affairs Institute. Address: 92 Burbank Drive, S. W., Atlanta, Georgia.

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June 20, 1957

Dr. Gordon W. Lovejoy
The National Conference of Christians
and Jews, Inc.
P. O. Box 507
Guilford College, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Lovejoy:

Your letter of the 19th has been called to my attention since Fred is currently on vacation. The film, "The Face of the South" is available and we will see that it is at Texas Christian for the evening of the 27th.

There is one slight difficulty. The film has been scheduled for use at the Fisk Race Relations Institute which begins July 1st. Therefore, would you see that it is mailed from Fort Worth directly to:

Mr. Emory Via
c/o Mr. John Hope, II
Fisk Race Relations Institute
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

We are informing Fisk that they will receive the film directly from you sometime after July 1st.

We, too, are sorry that you could not make the last inter-agency meeting. We shall see to it that a substantially longer period of warning exist for the September meeting.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

Enclosure - Ltr. to Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Dated: June 20, 1957

June 20, 1957

Reverend Claude W. Warren
Indiana Springs School
Route 1, Helena, Alabama

Dear Reverend Warren:

Thank you for your recent letter and your kind words concerning "New South".

Yes we know about the bi-racial meetings there in Birmingham and are very pleased. Attached is a list of the integrated ministerial associations which we know of. I hope this will serve your purpose.

Mr. Routh's name is Frederick B. and his address is the same as on this letter head. Mr. Routh is assistant director of the Southern Regional Council.

Again thanks for your interest and best wishes for continued success in your meetings.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

Encl. 1

June 20, 1957

Dr. Hilda Threlkeld
Maysville, Kentucky

Dear Dr. Threlkeld:

In accordance with my promise, I am sending some issues of New South, including the most recent one. I hope that you will find them sufficiently helpful to become a subscriber so that they may be sent to you regularly.

We will be happy if you will call New South to the attention of other persons whom you know.

Cordially yours,

C. H. Parrish
Program Associate

CHP:mm

Enclosures
New South - Nov. '56, Feb., May, June, '57

June 20, 1957

Mr. Jack Scudder
Box 245
Atlantic Christian College
Wilson, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Scudder:

In accordance with my promise, I am sending some issues of New South, including the most recent one. I hope that you will find them sufficiently helpful to become a subscriber so that they may be sent to you regularly.

We will be happy if you will call New South to the attention of other persons whom you know.

Cordially yours,

C. H. Parrish
Program Associate

CHP:mm
Enclosures
New South, Nov. '56, April, May, June, 1957

June 20, 1957

Mr. Max Heirich
Anti-Defamation League
8 Quaker Hill Drive
Richmond, Indiana

Dear Mr. Heirich:

In accordance with my promise, I am sending some issues of New South, including the most recent one. I hope that you will find them sufficiently helpful to become a subscriber so that they may be sent to you regularly.

We will be happy if you will call New South to the attention of other persons whom you know.

Cordially yours,

C. H. Parrish
Program Associate

CHP:mm

Enclosures
New South, September, November, 1956, May, June, 1957

June 20, 1957

Mr. Ben Segal
Trade Union Consultant
The Fund for the Republic
1820 Jefferson Place, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Segal:

Today's mail included a reply from one more person who will attend the Staff Training Seminar:

Theodore E. Brown
Assistant Director
Civil Rights Department
AFL-CIO
Washington, D. C.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Secretary to Emory Via

June 20, 1957

Mr. Lee White
CWA
40 Pryor Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Lee:

Here is the application for our Union Staff Training Seminar to be held at Fisk. Please return as soon as possible and let me know if I should send one to a CWA staffer in Tennessee.

Fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm
Enclosures

June 20, 1957

Mr. Boyd Payton
Regional Director
TWUA
100 West 6th Street
Charlotte, N. C.

Dear Boyd:

Enclosed are six application blanks for our Union Staff Training Seminar. We would like to have one for each of the staff men who will be able to attend all or part of the sessions.

My notes indicated that "Red" Lisk and Ray Berthiune would be with us for the whole week, that you and Durringcourt (?) for part of the week, and that Dave Terry and Davy Bardsfield (?) might attend for the whole week or a part of it.

We have twenty or more persons now scheduled to be in the Labor Seminar.

Thanks for your help and I will be writing you later about some program specifics.

Please have the applications returned directly to me.

Fraternally yours,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

VIA AIR MAIL June 20, 1957

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human
 Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

We have received a request for use of the film: "Face of the South" at Texas Christian University for the evening of June 27th. I understand you are to complete your use of the film today. Therefore, if the film is not in the mail to us when you receive this, would you be good enough to mail the film directly to:

Dr. Harold Lunger
Bright College of the Bible
Texas Christian University
Fort Worth, Texas

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

June 20, 1957

Mr. Earl H. Henderson
Field Representative
UAW
526 St. Paul Place
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Earl:

Enclosed is the official application blank for our Union Staff Training Seminar held in conjunction with the Fisk Race Relations Institute.

Please fill this in and return it to me as soon as possible. I look forward to seeing you at the Institute.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm
Enclosures

Same letter to Julian Frazier, UAW
Jim Hardin, UAW
Wagner, UAW
Jim Wolfe, Brewery Workers

June 21, 1957

Air Mail - Special Delivery

Mr. Allen Menlo
Workshop Co-Director
School of Education
University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Mr. Menlo:

Your letter to Dr. Mitchell concerning the August Workshop at Ann Arbor was turned over to me a few days ago.

We are nominating Miss Verbenna Scott, presently working for the Kentucky Council on Human Relations, 208 West Main Street, Frankfort, Kentucky. I have sent the enclosures to her and she will communicate with you shortly.

Sincerely yours,

C. H. Parrish
Program Associate

CHP:mm

P.S. Dr. Mitchell retired as Executive Director of SRC on January 15th of this year, and was replaced by Harold C. Fleming.

June 21, 1957

Air Mail Special

Miss Verbenna Scott
Kentucky Council on Human Relations
208 West Main Street
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Miss Scott:

I am rushing this material to you so that you in turn may send it as quickly as possible to Mr. Allen Menlo. We have written Mr. Menlo apprising him of your nomination.

I hope the Workshop will be a pleasant experience for you.

Sincerely,

C. H. Parrish
Program Associate

CHP:mm

Enclosures

June 21, 1957

The Reverend Cornelius C. Tarplee
P. O. Box 853
Lynchburg, Virginia

Dear Reverend Tarplee:

Your letter of June 20th to Fred Routh was received in this office today. Mr. Routh is out of the city and will not return to Atlanta until July 8th. We are holding your letter here; I am sure you will receive a reply immediately upon Mr. Routh's return to the office.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Secretary to Fred Routh

June 21, 1957

Mr. W. Emerson Reck,
Vice-President
Wittenberg College
Springfield, Ohio

Dear Mr. Reck:

At the suggestion of Mr. Letts we are mailing, under separate cover, a collection of materials which may be of use at your conference. Mr. Letts particularly suggested back issues of our magazine, New South. We are sending approximately eighty (80) of these. You will note only a few of several of the publications and reports. These we do not have in quantity but we will be happy to see that persons particularly interested can receive them.

I am due to arrive by plane in Dayton at approximately 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, the 26th. I shall proceed to Wittenberg College by the first available transportation.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/hs

June 21, 1957

Mrs. Montez Albright
Congregational Christian Church
673 Piedmont Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Albright:

Andre Fontaine, Roving Editor of Redbook writes:

> I am afraid it isn't an article we could use just now. Her story, while interesting and courageous, is not exactly the type of thing we had in mind. I am sorry.

We are sorry too. This probably is a relief to your public relations but it is a blow to our cause. Harold Fleming will be in the office on Monday, at which time we will discuss what to do next.

Warmest regards,

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

June 21, 1957

Mr. L. H. Pitts
Executive Secretary
Georgia Teachers and Education Association
201 Ashby Street, N. W.
Atlanta 14, Georgia

Dear Mr. Pitts:

I am very sorry that I was unable to reach you or Mrs. Reynolds on last Saturday afternoon. No doubt you learned shortly thereafter through my correspondence with Payne College that I was unable to be with you in Augusta.

I am very sorry that commitments and schedules caused this situation and equally sorry that none of us here at the Council were able to contribute to this good project. I trust we will have an opportunity to be of assistance to you again and that we can respond more favorably.

With warmest regards,

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

June 21, 1957

Mr. Richard M. Scammon
Director of Elections Research
Governmental Affairs Institute
1726 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Scammon:

We are sending you the report of Negro registration figures compiled by the Council during the summer of 1956. The Council is preparing supplementary materials, and these will be mailed to you shortly.

Please send me a list of your recent publications on elections.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI:mdn
Enclosure 1

June 24, 1957

Mrs. R. S. Lyells
Executive Director
Mississippi Council on Human Relations
P. O. Box 9096
Jackson 3, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Lyells:

Your letter of June 20th was received in this office today. Mr. Routh is out of town at present and will not return to Atlanta until July 8th. However, I have checked with Dr. Parrish regarding the suggested date for a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Mississippi Council, July 23 at 11:00 A.M., and he feels that this will be satisfactory. I am, therefore, marking this date on Mr. Routh's calendar as a definite commitment.

Dr. Parrish will not be in Atlanta during the latter part of this week; however, Mr. Fleming will be here and, I am sure, will appreciate your phoning when you pass through Atlanta.

Sincerely yours,

Marge Manderson
Secretary to
Frederick B. Routh

June 24, 1957

Mr. V. H. Williams
Executive Secretary
State Federated Labor Council
415 National Old Line Building
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Brother Williams:

Enclosed are the information sheets and letters announcing our Union Staff Seminar to be held in conjunction with the Fisk Institute on Race Relations, July 7th - 13th.

We would be most pleased to have you or someone else from the Arkansas AFL-CIO participate in this seminar. It would be possible to supply such a person with a full scholarship covering tuition, registration, room, and board. Unfortunately, we cannot help with travel expenses.

I look forward to receiving a registration from the Arkansas Federated Labor Council.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm
Enclosures

June 24, 1957

Mr. Harry L. Alston
Executive Director
Southern Field Division
National Urban League
250 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Alston:

Upon your request of this date, I am enclosing three (3) thermofax copies each of The White Sentinel, February 1956 and March 1956 issues. You will note that only pages that deal with the Urban League of the February issue have been sent to you.

If we may be of further assistance to you, please feel free to call un us.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Mildred Flowers
Secretary to the Executive Director

MF

Enclosures - The White Sentinel

June 24, 1957

Reverend Robert E. Hughes, Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations, Inc.
Room 1218, Comer Building
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Bob:

Another quick request is necessary since we cannot find copies of the Birmingham News here in Atlanta. I wonder if you would get us a copy of the article which mentioned the voting figures. We would like to use it in some of our promotional material.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

June 24, 1957

Reverend Robert E. Hughes, Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations, Inc.
Room 1218, Comer Building
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Bob:

Thank you for your recent letters and the two newspaper clippings.

Yes you are free to use the voting survey in any way you like. The clipping from the Montgomery Advertiser is very good and most interesting.

I will send you a thermo-fax copy of the clipping and hold on to the original for a little while since we may want to make some copies of it, as we could not do from a thermo-fax copy. I will send the original back to you very soon however.

Again thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Encl.

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E. ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA
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HAROLD C. FLEMING
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

June 25, 1957

MEMORANDUM

To: All State Groups

From: Harold C. Fleming

Subj: GRANTS TO SRC NOT TO BE PUBLICIZED

You will recall that the memorandum from Mr. Wright to state chairmen concerning future aid from SRC specifically requested that no publicity or wide spread announcement be made to the Fund for the Republic grant to SRC. This point was also made at the State Staff Conference.

Evidently through misunderstanding, one or two state groups have announced the Fund for the Republic grant in their news letters. This is to call the matter to your attention again and to prevent any further lapses of this kind.

We realize that it may be important for you to inform your members of the prospects for financial aid for the coming year. This can be done without any difficulty. You are perfectly free to say in your news letters and through any other medium that your state organization is entitled to apply for future aid from SRC in the coming fiscal year in the amount of several thousand dollars. However, we ask you to omit any announcement of the Fund grant which makes this money possible or any detailed presentation of SRC's budgetary considerations outlined in the memorandum to state chairmen.

The reasons for this policy are several: (1) we are obligated to secure the approval of the Fund for the Republic for the text of any news release and other public announcement of their grant to us. (2) SRC's Executive Committee has not as yet made any decision as to whether or not the grant should be publicized and may decide that it should not be. (3) There is no reason why we should give our detractors detailed information about our internal financial arrangements.

While members of state councils may be regarded as "in the family", it is impossible for information circulated to so sizable a group to be regarded as confidential.

This memorandum is being sent only to state staff people. If there are others within your organization who should have this reminder, please see that they are properly advised.

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June 25, 1957

Dr. Rufus E. Clement
President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Clement:

Bishop Moore handed me today the original copy of the incorporators' statement signed by you, Mr. McGill, and himself.

Many thanks for your very effective handling of this matter.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

June 25, 1957

Mr. David Dubinsky
International Ladies Garment Workers
Union
1710 Broadway
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Dubinsky:

I would like to join with so many others in extending you best wishes and congratulations on your twenty-five years of service to the ILGW as president.

Your steady interest in seeing that human needs are met and that the rights of all people are secure has been valuable to our nation and to all who work for similar ends.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Blind copy sent to: Mr. Harry Fleischman, Nat'l. Labor Service

June 25, 1957

Mr. Robert Porter
Chemical Week Magazine
330 West 42nd Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Mr. Porter:

Here are several clippings and Southern Regional Council publications dealing with the economic implications of the South's racial practices.

I hope that this background will assist you in planning the article we discussed on the telephone and that you will call on us when we can be of further help.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Enclosures - Newspaper clippings
New South - back issues

June 25, 1957

Mr. Jack Clareman, Secretary
The Christopher Reynolds Foundation, Inc.
3040 Salmon Tower Building
Eleven West Forty-Second Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Mr. Clareman:

We gratefully acknowledge the Foundation check for $5,000.00 representing the 1957 grant in support of the work of the Southern Regional Council. Our official receipt is enclosed.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 official receipt

June 25, 1957

Mr. Frank Loescher
414 South 46th Street
Philadelphia 43, Pennsylvania

Dear Frank:

I will be glad to see Mrs. Bailey and give her any help I can. I will get in touch with Phern Stanley about timing.

Mr. Cronje came by the office on your recommendation and, in my absence, talked at length with John Constable.

I have just finished reading your prospectus on the exchange program. I think it is a very clear and persuasive proposal and should capture the interest of anyone who is genuinely concerned in that field. By the way, I just spent a day and a half with Emory Ross at the Phelps Stokes conference in Capahosic, Virginia. We found common ground, among other things, in our mutual friendship with you.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

June 25, 1957

Mr. William K. Williams
Executive Director
Florida Council on Human Relations
213 N. E. 2nd Avenue
Miami, Florida

Dear Bill:

Your suggestion about the Dade County Council is sound - provided it officially disbands by the passage of a resolution. Then the new group could be constituted with a clean slate. The point I am making is that the action must be more than a change of name; it must represent a clean official liquidation of the past group and the creation of a new organisation.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

June 25, 1957

Mr. Howard Schuman
Office of Senator Paul Douglas
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Schuman:

Here is another clipping for your file.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Encl. 1 newspaper clipping

June 25, 1957

Miss Nancy Revelle
McIver Dormitory
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Miss Revelle:

Miss Anne Queen has suggested your name as a good candidate for a position of Research Assistant at the Southern Regional Council. Enclosed is a copy of job descriptions and additional information can be supplied on request.

If you are at all interested in the position, I will appreciate a letter and resume from you.

Miss Queen is familiar with the work of the Southern Regional Council and can fill you in on details which might interest you.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Encl.

June 25, 1957

Miss Anne E. Queen
Y. W. C. A. - Y. M. C. A.
The University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Anne:

Thank you for your prompt reply to my request. I am sorry that Jolee is not available now, but I am writing Miss Revelle.

Will you be at Chapel Hill this summer? There is a bare chance that I might get by the Hill sometime this summer.

Again thanks.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

June 25, 1957

Mr. Frank Kelly
Fund for the Republic
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Frank:

We are delighted that the May issue of New South was thought to merit distribution to the Fund's Board. The copies you requested were sent some days ago with our compliments.

Please assure Miss Streiffer that George Mitchell and I were interchangeable for a long time and I am not at all sensitive about the mix-up.

It was good to see you, however briefly, the other day. I hope next time we will have an opportunity for some conversation.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

June 26, 1957

Mr. George J. Hecht, Chairman
The American Parents Committee, Inc.
52 Vanderbilt Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Hecht:

Thank you for your letter of June 14th and the kind invitation it conveys. I know of George Mitchell's interest in the American Parents Committee, of course, and have read your Washington report for a long time.

Therefore, it is with genuine regret that I must decline membership on your National Council. Since George left, we have not only undertaken the impossible task of filling the gap he left but are also seeking to re-organize and expand the activities of the Southern Regional Council. The demands posed by these developments and the Southern situation generally are so great that I have pledged myself not to accept any further responsibilities, however worthy and modest in their claims.

I am honored by your invitation to serve and am deeply sorry that I cannot conscientiously accept.

With good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

June 26, 1957

Mr. Malcolm P. Calhoun, Secretary
Board of Church Extension
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.
341-B Ponce de Leon Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 8, Georgia

Dear Malcolm:

Many thanks for your letter of June 17th. We are pleased and grateful to learn that the Board of Church Extension has placed the Southern Regional Council in its 1957 budget.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL

June 26, 1957

Mr. Herman H. Long, Director
Race Relations Department
Board of Home Missions, Congregational
  Christian Churches
Fisk University Office
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear ~~Mr. Long~~ Herman:

Thank you for your letter of June 22nd. I am looking forward to taking part in the program of the institute on July 3rd. The title you have selected is perfectly satisfactory. I hope you won't feel I am straying from my assignment if I devote some of my remarks to strategy.

I am looking forward to being with you.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

June 26, 1957

The Honorable Paul H. Douglas
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator Douglas:

I greatly appreciated your letter of June 12th and the excerpt from the Congressional Record which you were kind enough to send.

We were delighted that you found our findings on Negro voter registration useful and admired the effectiveness of your presentation.

I hope you will call on me at any time when the Southern Regional Council may properly be of service.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

June 26, 1957

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

Thank you for your letter of June 21st. This will catch us up on the several matters you have raised in earlier letters which I have not yet commented on.

(1) You will be pleased to know that Bishop Moore has now complied with Dr. Clement's request that he join in signing a factual statement on the origin of the Southern Regional Council. Mr. McGill has also signed. I believe I sent you a copy of this statement when it was drafted some weeks ago. The conditions under which Bishop Moore signed obligates us not to use his name as a co-signer in any publicity which we might give the statement. However, I should consider us free to use it, with signatures, in private communication with people whom we may have occasion to straighten out. Dr. Clement handled this for us with his customary skill and effectiveness.

(2) We have given much thought to your recent suggestion as to the desirability of some kind of institute on segregation and foreign relations. We think the suggestion is a good one and hope to be able to work it out. Obviously it will require a good deal of exploration with potential co-sponsoring institutions. I have an idea that we can advance this project even more effectively if we secure the collaboration of the Phelps Stokes Fund. This Fund, now headed by Dr. F. D. Patterson, has had historical involvement both in race relations and international relations and might enlist the cooperation of some

appropriate national prestige figures. I hope we will have a chance to discuss this at the forthcoming Executive Committee meeting.

(3) We have printed in New South earlier such foreign comments on racial incidents in the South as we were able to get hold of. This material from foreign newspapers is hard to come by. We were able to get the earlier material only because the American Jewish Committee did a compilation. I am continually urging that group and others (including the Phelps Stokes Fund) to assemble more such material. When and if these efforts bear fruit, we shall most certainly consider such a treatment in New South.

(4) The article inserted in the Congressional Record by Representative Porter has been reprinted and widely distributed. The copy you received was one of several hundred distributed by us. Some thousands of additional copies were distributed by the Fund for the Republic and through other organizations. In view of this widespread use already made of the reprint, I doubt that Representative Porter would be interested in further distribution. In any case, this is the opinion of Joe Lyford of the Fund for the Republic who arranged for the article to be read into the Record in the first place and who worked out the later distribution.

(5) As to Senator Douglas' remarks and his insertion of our voting figures in the Congressional Record, we have on file one copy of this part of the record. Since this is political material, having to do with the promotion of specific legislation, I do not believe it would be proper or wise for us to play any part in urging or assisting distribution under Senator Douglas' frank. We may hope that he will do this, but it seems to me that that must be the outer limit of our interest. If you are of another opinion, do let me know. (I might add that the people at the Fund for the Republic are familiar with the use of our figures both from Mr. Reston's article in the Times and through the Congressional Record.)

We noted with pleasure the failure of the North Carolina bills aimed at the NAACP. The Methodists' actions in Georgia were not as clearly motivated by liberal sentiment as some of the news reports would suggest, but they might be considered as representing at least a spirit of moderation.

I am looking to see you at the July meeting, about which you will be hearing from us further.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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cc: Dr. Rufus E. Clement

Also to Jim Turner, URWA
Henry Wilson, American Fed. of State, Co., Municipal Employees
Theodore Brown, AFL-CIO

June 26, 1957

Miss Eula McGill
Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America
P. O. Box 161
Cookesville, Tennessee

Dear Miss McGill:

Enclosed is the official application blank for our Union Staff Training Seminar held in conjunction with the Fisk Race Relations Institute.

Please fill this in and return it to me as soon as possible. I look forward to seeing you at the Institute.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

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June 26, 1957

Miss Josephine Wilkins
Beaux Arts Apartment Hotel
307 East 44th Street
Apartment 1806 North
New York, New York

Dear Josephine:

Grace Hamilton did get to us copies of the Nation which included the piece on Koinonia. We appreciate your efforts and those of Carey McWilliams in this regard.

They are being distributed through organizations which have requests from time to time for information on Koinonia. These include: The Georgia Council on Human Relations, the Macon Council on Human Relations, the Georgia Council of Churches, Koinonia Farm, and the Southern Regional Council.

We felt it was too late for a direct mailing to two hundred persons from SRC, but it is a most useful background piece for those who continue to want more information or who are taking a first look at the Koinonia situation.

Thanks again. Best personal wishes.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

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Same letter sent to: Paul Christopher, Dr. Clement, Mr. Wright, John Griffin, Josephine Wilkins and Dr. Richardson.

Proposed agenda included in these two

Post script omitted for local people.

June 26, 1957

Mr. J. M. Dabbs
Rip Raps Plantation
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

The poll of the Executive Committee showed that 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 16, to noon Wednesday, July 17 are the preferred dates for the next meeting. It will be held as usual in the Board Room of Atlanta University.

I'm very glad these dates are possible for you and will be looking forward to seeing you then.

Meanwhile, enclosed as background is a copy of our memorandum on further aid to state councils.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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P. S. Accommodations will be available in the Atlanta University dormitories.

June 26, 1957

Mr. Andrew W. Gottschall, Jr.
Associate Director
The National Conference of Christians
and Jews, Inc.
790 Broad Street
Neward 2, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Gottschall:

The pamphlet to which you refer is one entitled: "Three Views of the Segregation Decisions," by William Faulkner, Benjamin E. Mays and Cecil Sims.

I am very sorry that we are unable to let the Workshop have this pamphlet without cost. We will, however, be very happy to make them available to the Workshop for a total cost of $6.00. If this is satisfactory with you we will, on receipt of your request, mail these pamphlets directly to Dr. Marcson at Rutgers.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

June 27, 1957

Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond 22, Virginia

Dear Paul:

As you will have seen, we polled the Executive Committee about a meeting the week of July 15th. One of the main reasons we selected this week was to avoid your vacation period. I was distressed, however, that Father Sigur indicated that both dates were impossible for him and left blank the space provided for a suggestion of a third date. I would assume from this that all of the latter part of July is out for him. I am writing him about this.

Despite the bad break with Father Sigur I hope you will be able to come. We will be meeting as usual at Atlanta University, and housing will be available there if you wish.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

June 27, 1957

Father Alexander O. Sigur
P. O. Box 532
S.L.J. Station
LaFayette, Louisiana

Dear Father Sigur:

I was very sorry to note that you cannot make the Executive Committee meeting during the week of July 15th. Paul Williams in particular had expressed the hope that he would be able to introduce you to the group at this meeting.

In case there should be a change in your schedule, I wanted you to know that the dates chosen by the majority are Tuesday and Wednesday July 16th and 17th. We will be meeting in the Board Room, Administration Building, Atlanta University, and accommodations will be available at the Atlanta University dormitories. The meeting will begin at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday and end at noon Wednesday.

In any case, I do hope the date selected for the annual meeting will be more convenient for you.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

June 27, 1957

Mr. Joseph F. Haas
First National Bank Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Joe:

I am sorry that the dates we selected for the next Executive Committee meeting will find you out of the country. For the record, however, I am sending you the enclosed copy of our memorandum setting the terms of further financial aid to the state councils.

With all good wishes for a pleasant trip,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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Enclosure - 1 Memo on State Aid

June 27, 1957

Dean B. R. Brazeal
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dean Brazeal:

The dates selected for the next Executive Committee meeting by a poll of the members are Tuesday and Wednesday July 16th and 17th. We will begin at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday and end at noon Wednesday. The meeting will be held as usual at Atlanta University.

I very much hope that you will find it possible to be present.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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P. S. For the record I am enclosing a copy of our memorandum setting the terms of further financial aid to state councils.

June 27, 1957

Mr. Lyle E. Campbell
1155 Ridgewood Drive, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Campbell:

We were distressed to hear the sad news of Mrs. Campbell's death.

On behalf of all the members of the Council staff, I extend our heartfelt sympathy to you at this time of great loss.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

June 27, 1957

Mr. Harry S. Ashmore
Executive Editor
Arkansas Gazette
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Harry:

Thanks for your note of condolence on B~~i~~em Price's article. It seems to have run everywhere except in Atlanta, for which I suppose I should be profoundly grateful.

When I talked to Hutchins in New York last week, I found a copy of your manuscript prominently displayed on his desk. He spoke of it and you warmly, and we agreed that you had achieved the remarkable feat of offending everybody except the most hardened advocates of pure cussedness. We included ourselves in that category, of course, and found a common identity in the old politician's remark to you about running for S.O.B. without opposition.

I thought you ought to see a copy of the enclosed article from the American Mercury, since it builds all of us properly and in its own unintentional way is a delightful piece of prose.

Best,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Cleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 article taken from American Mercury

June 27, 1957

Mr. Charles D. Wherry
Station K, Box 11184
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Wherry:

Thank you for your kind letter of June 24th. I greatly appreciated the kind things you said about me and the work of the Southern Regional Council.

Although these are difficult times in the South just now, we have little doubt that the ultimate outcome will be a more democratic and productive society in which people of all races can share equally in the benefits.

I have indeed known Mrs. Longstreet for many years, as well as Miss Lillian Smith.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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Enclosure - 1 copy of "Toward The South of the Future."

June 27, 1957

Mr. W. H. Corkrean
Realtor
847 Cornell Avenue
Albany, California

Dear Mr. Corkrean:

A word of encouragement as far away as California is especially appreciated. It was very thoughtful of you to send me the copy of Mr. Price's article and the excellent clipping from the El Cerrito Journal.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 copy of "Toward the South of the Future."

June 27, 1957

Reverend Duncan Hunter
First Methodist Church
Alexander City, Alabama

Dear Duncan:

The overwhelming choice of the Executive Committee members was July 16th and 17th for the next meeting. We were rather relieved about this since we had learned that the Alabama Council was holding its Board meeting on the 15th and it seemed rather important that Fred be there. This leads me to wonder whether you had the Alabama meeting in mind when you indicated July 15-16 as your choice.

I am sensitive to the fact that we set the last meeting at a time which you couldn't possibly make, and I am all the more anxious that you be able to make this one. As you know, we will be considering the highly important question of aid to the state councils, and your judgment would be valuable.

Do let me know whether or not there is a chance. We will be meeting as usual in the Board Room at Atlanta University and accommodations will be available in the Atlanta University dormitories.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

June 27, 1957

Mr. Jerry Zigler, Director
American Foundation for Political Education
19 South LaSalle Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Jerry:

I could use twenty-five copies of "The Case of the Lively Ghost," with a Union Staff Seminar which we are running in conjunction with the Fisk Institute of Race Relations.

If you have a promotional piece giving a broader view of AFPE, I would be happy to include it with the distribution of the "Lively Ghost."

Bill me if necessary.

Things stay very bad here.

Margaret continues to make progress. We look forward to seeing the Pickuses in a few weeks. Best personal wishes.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

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June 27, 1957

Reverend Cornelius C. Tarplee
Associate Secretary
Division of Christian Citizenship
The National Council of the Protestant
   Episcopal Church
281 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Neil:

Many thanks for your two recent letters. Your summary of the situation in Charlottesville is especially helpful, since we are going to be giving some consultant service there and elsewhere in Virginia within a few weeks. I am sharing your report with John Hope, who is even now planning this particular effort.

I got a call from Arnold Aronson just yesterday in which he raised the question of a joint meeting of CCD and our Southern interagency group in Washington during September. I agreed to circularize the participating agencies on the matter. It seems to me that such a joint meeting would have considerable value in strengthening the lines of communication between national and Southern workers in the vineyard. Your comments will be appreciated.

I was in New York last week and had occasion to tell Frank Loescher and David Freeman how highly we thought of you and your work. Though the Fund for the Republic is out of the grant-making field, they may be in position to help all of us secure additional financial support in the future.

Reverend Cornelius C. Tarplee
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June 27, 1957

I am glad that you felt that the use of Bem Price's article in Lynchburg had a positive effect. There were passages in the story that made me wince a bit, but such are the perils of notoriety.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

June 27, 1957

Mr. Julius R. Fry
Area Director
Textile Worker's Union of America
509½ South Main Street
High Point, North Carolina

Dear Julius:

Thanks so much for your letters and clips of June 17th and 18th. I certainly agree that the public statement of Beauty Contest Queen Miss Betsy Ross Davis was of real interest.

Further clips and notes from you along these lines and especially incidents related to the labor movement would be most appreciated. I am sending to you under separate cover one of our own recent special reports dealing with Negro registration in the Southern states.

Fraternally yours,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

June 27, 1957

Mr. Harry Fleischman
National Labor Service
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Harry:

Could you supply me with about twenty-five copies of "Assault Upon Freedom of Association" for use at our Union Staff Training Seminar to be held at Fisk in July?

Bill me if required.

Best personal wishes to you.

Fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

June 27, 1957

Mr. John R. May
The San Francisco Foundation
351 California Street
San Francisco 4, California

Dear John:

Very nice to hear from you again now that you are back at home base. Jane and I greatly enjoyed our evening together and hope that, here or there, we can get together again one of these days.

I had word of you both from St. Helena and New York. The Siceloffs were delighted with you and Margarita, and Dave Freeman spoke of you very highly in philanthropoidal terms.

Let us by all means keep in touch. I will see that you are placed on our mailing list and will probably be writing you from time to time.

With warm regards to you both,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

June 27, 1957

Mrs. Mary F. Floyd
305 N. Greenwood Street
LaGrange, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Floyd:

Thank you for your request for materials. We are sending you, under separate cover, a collection of materials from the Southern Regional Council. The ladies in your group may secure this entire collection at one dollar per packet or they may secure individual pieces at the price listed on the covers.

If you are interested in any of this material, please write to me. We will appreciate any promotion you may give this material.

With best wishes for your workshop,

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

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June 27, 1957

Mr. Henno Cronje
Union Theological Seminary
600 West 122nd Street
New York 27, New York

Dear Mr. Cronje:

Enclosed is a copy of the manuscript I promised to send you. This is only one chapter of a proposed book by the John Dewey Society. As you can see the manuscript is still in rough form, but maybe it will help you some.

Please let me know how your book is progressing from time to time.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

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Encl.

June 27, 1957

Dr. F. D. Patterson, Director
Phelps Stokes Fund
New York 17, New York

Dear Dr. Patterson:

It was a great pleasure being with you last week at Capahosic. The group you assembled there was outstanding, and I benefited greatly from the exchange of ideas.

I do hope you will keep me posted on the efforts of the Phelps Stokes Fund in this field, particularly with respect to ways in which our two organizations can cooperate.

My expenses in connection with the consultation - corrected on original were as follows:

(1)	Eastern Air Lines, Atlanta to Richmond and Return	$66.66
(2)	Airport Limousines, Atlanta and Richmond	3.70
(3)	Hotel, Richmond	9.00
	Total:	$79.36

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

June 27, 1957

Dear John:

Here are two items of interest - the financial report on the Consultant Program which we discussed yesterday and a letter from Neil Tarplee reporting on the situation in Charlottesville. I thought the latter might be of some help in your Virginia planning. Florence and Emory have agreed to cooperate on other briefings.

Regards,

Sincerely,

Mr. John Hope, II
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

June 27, 1957

Mr. Charles M. Jones
Community Church
P. O. Box 2
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Charlie:

I am sending under separate cover several items which I think will be helpful to you in your two labor institutes. There will be two copies of New South for June, 1956; April, 1957; and June, 1957; two copies of Next Steps in the South (I call your attention especially to the map in the frontispiece.); a copy of Changing Patterns in the New South, which can be ordered from us for .25¢; two copies of What's Happening in School Integration, published by the Public Affairs Pamphlets, but written by two of our guys; two copies of What the Supreme Court Said and two copies each of the following special reports: The South and the Supreme Court School Decision: A Chronology, Pro-Segregation Groups in the South, and Summary of Recent Segregation Laws Enacted in Southern States (If you display these special reports you will need to remind the participants that they are three separate reports, since by their covers they look a good bit alike.).

I am also enclosing one copy of The Negro Potential by Eli Ginsberg. This book deals directly with the problems surrounding employment and may be of some special interest. You may have this copy for your use and copies could be obtained for other interested persons from us at a greatly reduced price.

Also, for your own information, I am sending a copy of The South of Promise, which in a general way describes the organisation and work of the Southern Regional Council.

If sometime you could discover if Jamie and Alice Jo Gardner are in the Chapel Hill vicinity, I would be greatly pleased to have such information.

Best personal wishes to you and for your work in these two summer institutes. Please let me know if there is any other information or service that I can render.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

P.S. I have also enclosed a copy of Integration North and South, by David Loth and Harold Fleming. This is a useful run-down of the various breaks in the segregation front in such fields as education, employment, housing, accommodations, and organizations.

June 27, 1957

Mr. Norman Long
Koinonia Farm
Route 2
Americus, Georgia

Dear Norman:

Two hundred copies of The Nation for March 16th, 1957, which has the article on Koinonia, were given to us. I am sending you under separate cover twenty-five of these to be used as you see fit.

I have been extremely busy here and feel quite out of touch with your situation.

With best personal wishes.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

June 27, 1957

Mr. Ben Segal
The Fund for the Republic
1820 Jefferson Place, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ben:

Enclosed are two New South articles which may be of help for your Friday Fisk presentation. You may wish to also consult the 52 page report by the American Jewish Committee on the attacks against the NAACP. You might find it profitable to re-browse the "Freedom Reader," edited by E. S. Newman.

This general approach of making problems in civil rights issues of civil liberties is most important; perhaps you can get your speech written down this time and we could make some further use of it.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

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June 27, 1957

Mr. Matt Lynch
Legislative Representative
Tennessee Labor Council
939 Church Street
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Matt:

It was good to have seen you last week in Nashville. I have done some further checking on our data for Negro Registration in Tennessee. Although a great deal of interesting information had been turned in to us, it was not the sort that would allow us to present reliable statistics on Negro registration on a county by county basis.

I am enclosing a few newspaper clips that have some special reference to Tennessee which you may have already seen. Also, the forthcoming Yearbook issue of the Journal of Negro Education, which will come out about August, 1957, is devoted to problems of voting. There will be an article on Tennessee by Preston Valien, at Fisk, whom you may know.

Our own estimate of registered Negro voters is 90,000. But this is a state-wide figure and not very helpful on a county by county basis.

Please give my best regards to Stanton; I hope to see both of you during our Labor Seminar at Fisk University.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

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Enclosures

June 27, 1957

Mr. Joe Glazer
URWA-AFL-CIO
87 South High Street
Akron 8, Ohio

Dear Joe:

Margaret received her manuscript copy of Songs of Work and Freedom. She was delighted. Her room-mate at Warm Springs has already had to listen to a whole raft of labor songs.

It looks good to me, also. There were two manuscripts in the box to Margaret; the second one had a label indicating that Jack Barbash was to have received it. I am forwarding this copy to Jack.

I wonder if you have already made decisions as to lay-out and illustration. Though I am reluctant to commit Margaret, it may be that you would want to consider her artistic talents in this regard. Just a suggestion.

Margaret has been making good progress; recently she has been doing some walking with the aid of crutches and braces. In fact, for just a few steps each day, she walks without either leg brace. In a matter of a few weeks, she may be at home with her mother in Macon, Georgia, and stay there until I can work out satisfactory living and help arrangements in Atlanta. I plan to be here with the Southern Regional Council as their labor consultant as a regular, on-going job.

Let me know if there is any service that I can perform for you here in the South in terms of materials or resource persons. I hope it will not be too long before you are in the Atlanta area; be sure to give me a call when you come this way.

Fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

June 27, 1957

Mr. Bob Graham
AFL-CIO Region 5
1106 Independence Building
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Bob:

It was only recently that I got to talk with Al Kehrer, Regional Director for the ILGWU, regarding county and municipal licensing of union organizers. The printed brief of their main case, which is to go before the October term of the Supreme Court, outlines the operations of these ordinances in many other places. It may be that a copy of this brief and related materials might be secured from Morris Glushien, International General Counc~~il~~, International Ladies Garment Workers Union, in New York City. Sel

I understand that the Steelworkers in Hendersonville, Kentucky, have secured a federal injunction against the operation of a local injunction restraining union activity. It is also my understanding that the ILGWU will try a similar technique to this in Alabama in an organizing drive there. If I am not mistaken, the law firm of Cooper, Mitchell, and Black handled the Hendersonville matter and may have some hand in the Alabama case as well.

It was good to have met and talked with you in Charlotte the other week. Thanks for the scrapbook on the Durham situation, and I will return it to you when the Fisk Institute is over.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mm

June 28, 1957

Mr. Edwin J. Lukas
The American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Ed:

Some months ago, SRC commissioned Phil Hammer's agency to do a study of new industries locating in the South during the ten post-war years. Our object was to learn how many plants by size, type, and county had located in the South during this period. We thought that on the basis of this information it would be possible to see more clearly the relationships between industrialization and race relations and thus to focus our interest in that field more sharply.

The study was duly completed and laid the base for two projects in which the N.P.A.'s Committee on Southern Development is deeply interested. One of these has to do with the impact of the new industry generally on the Southern economy, political system and human resources. The other is concerned specifically with a project on the South's manpower needs in the next decade. Obviously, both of these have strong positive implications in terms of racial practices.

We agreed with N.P.A. that if they would properly take on these two projects we would make no public use of the initial findings. The problem, as you would suspect, is the slow pace of which the N.P.A. is moving. We are still holding to our part of the agreement, though our impatience is mounting.

Other than this, our interest in the economic angle has been limited to collecting newspaper reports and other evidence on the interrelationship between racial tension and the economy. I believe Harry Fleischman has everything we have to date on this.

I am strongly convinced that if we can figure out how to get hold of it there is important leverage in this area. Please share with me any ideas which may occur to you, and I will do likewise.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

P. S. I know I needn't tell you that our negotiations with N.P.A. should be regarded as confidential.

June 28, 1957

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
The South Carolina Council on Human
Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

You may have seen the enclosed editorial from the Charleston News and Courier. Tom Waring got mad because Bem Price called me moderate.

I am enclosing a copy of the letter that I wrote to Waring in reply to his charges against SRC. I have considerable doubt that Waring will publish it. Whether he does or not, feel free to make any use of the letter that you care to.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - Ltr. to Thomas Waring dated 6/28/57
Copy of editorial from Charleston News and Courier
dated 6/25/57

June 28, 1957

Mr. Lewis Hawkins
Associated Press
Journal-Constitution Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Hawkins:

As you may already know, Bem Price's story of last Sunday drew editorial criticism from the Charleston News and Courier.

I thought you would want to have the enclosed copy of my letter to Thomas Waring setting the record straight. I am also enclosing a copy of the editorial in case you have not seen it.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - Ltr. to Thomas Waring, dated June 28, 1957
Copy of editorial from Charleston News & Courier, dated June 25, 1957

June 28, 1957

Mr. Thomas Waring, Editor
The News and Courier
Charleston, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Waring:

Your editorial of June 25 titled "SRC and Red Records" seeks to discredit the Southern Regional Council. I trust that in the interest of fairness you will publish this reply.

There is little point in quarreling about interpretations of "moderate" -- except to say that, by your reasoning, the News and Courier can be no more moderate than the Ku Klux Klan, since both have the objective of maintaining a completely segregated school system.

You are correct in saying that the SRC has received grants-in-aid from the Fund for the Republic. So have the Southern Presbyterians, the Methodists, the Episcopalians, the Catholic Committee of the South, and most of the other major religious groups in the South. One of the beneficiaries of a Fund for the Republic grant -- that to the Southern Association of Nieman Fellows -- was the editor of the News and Courier himself, who received a fellowship under the Fund-financed program.

More importantly, you quote the Firing Line as establishing "a definite trend of interrelationship between the Southern Regional Council and the Southern Conference For Human Welfare, a defunct communist front organization." The "evidence" cited in support of this statement is that "16 former and nine present directors of the Southern Regional Council have been affiliated with the Southern Conference for Human Welfare." The obvious implication is that these directors have infected the SRC with pro-communist sympathies.

This charge is utterly false and is supported by "evidence" of the most dishonest sort. The "nine current directors" are Southerners of unimpeachable character, including two presidents of state-supported colleges, a labor official who serves by appointment on a state commission, the presidents of three of the South's leading Negro institutions of higher learning, the president emeritus of a Georgia Methodist college, a past president of the Georgia League of Women Voters, and a past president of the University of South Carolina Alumni Association.

The high crime of which these persons stand convicted in your eyes is shared by the Hon. James F. Byrnes, who prominently graced a dinner staged by the Southern Conference in 1945. Is one to believe that Mr. Byrnes is a carrier of the dread infection you ascribe to nine of SRC's 80 board members?

Among the past SRC board members indicted by the Firing Line is the late Dr. Charles S. Johnson, president of Fisk University. Until his recent death, Dr. Johnson served on the board of the Southern Education Reporting Service -- along with the editor of the News and Courier. Does this mean that the SERS and the worthy editor are tainted by this "definite trend of interrelationship"?

Among the other SRC directors cited by the Firing Line is that distinguished North Carolina scholar, the late Dr. Howard W. Odum. Dr. Odum was one of the chief authorities relied on by Attorney Robert McC. Figg in his brief defending the Clarendon County school authorities. What is one to make of this interrelationship"?

The cynical formula that you have so readily applied to the SRC can be used to damage the reputation of any body of citizens. The SRC is and has always been squarely opposed to communism and all other totalitarian doctrines. I respectfully suggest that the News and Courier would serve its cause better if it based its criticisms on real differences of opinion rather than unfounded character attacks.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

June 28, 1957

Mr. Ray Nixon
URWA
95 Merritts Avenue
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Brother Nixon:

Enclosed are copies of the letters and information sheets announcing our Union Staff Training Seminar to be held July 7th-13th, in conjunction with the Fisk Institute on Race Relations. We are expecting Jim Turner from the International office to be with us.

I trust that you will be able to send someone to this program; ideally, of course, we would like for you to attend personally.

With best wishes.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

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June 28, 1957

Mr. Frank Parker
Retail, Wholesale, Department Store Union
28½ South 20th Street
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Brother Parker:

Enclosed are copies of letters and information sheets announcing our Union Staff Training Seminar to be held in conjunction with the Fisk Race Relations Institute, July 7-13th.

We would be able to offer some one from your staff scholarship aid to cover the full cost of fees and room and board.

We look forward to having someone from RWDSU with us.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

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June 28, 1957

Mr. Oscar Cohen, Program Director
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
515 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Oscar:

Here is the promised material.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

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cc: Emory F. Via

June 28, 1957

Mrs. Alice Spearman
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Paul Anthony is out of the city so I am taking the liberty of replying to your letter concerning the film, The Face of the South. The film is already booked to be used by Emory Via at the Fisk Race Relations Institute. He won't be able to send it back for the dates you requested it.

Usually our films are loaned for ten day periods; but since we only have one copy of this one, we have not set a definite loan period. We would hope that we would be able to send the film to persons shortly before each showing and have it returned shortly thereafter, thus eliminating any long periods of the film being away from the office.

If you would like the film again for a future showing write me the dates desired and I will let you know what we can arrange.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

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June 29, 1957

The Washington Post
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Please forward one (1) copy each of the Washington Post dated June 11th, June 12th, and June 13th, 1957.

I am enclosing .35¢ in stamps to cover price and mailing of these three back issues. Send them to:

Emory F. Via
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Room 432
Atlanta 3, Georgia.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

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Mr. Stanton Smith
Tennessee State Labor Council
939 Church Street
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Stanton:

Our program for the Fisk Labor Seminar is shaping up as follows: Sunday, July 7th, A.M., Southern Union History; afternoon, Background on Southern Problems and Race Relations Patterns in Southern Unions and Employment; Monday, The Legal Side of the Desegregation Issue and How It Relates to the Labor Movement (Paul Sanders at Vanderbilt will aid in this session); Tuesday, Background, Character, and Effectiveness of the Various Hate Groups (Fred Routh of the SRC will aid here) and The Use of Racial Issues in Organizing Campaigns (Paul Christopher will be with us for this session); Wednesday, The Use of the Race Issue in One Union and Industry (Boyd Payton will be our chief resource here to talk about textile); in the second half of the Wednesday session, we will discuss Racial Issues in the Local Union: When and How Raised, and Ways to Meet Them. Ben and I would be particularly happy to have you act as a chief resource in this session; I know that your schedule may not permit this, but I hope that this will be one of the times that you will be able to come over to the Labor Seminars. We are asking Boyd Payton to sit in on this session also. Thursday, we will discuss desegregation in the community and how it affects labor; on Friday we will be talking about the resources available to unions in doing race relations and civil rights work - further attention will be given to the problem of meeting the attacks using race against the labor movement.

Of course, all of the above sessions are just the afternoon (2:00 to 4:00 P.M.) Labor Workshop sessions. The morning and evening programs are arranged by Fisk; some of them do have a special bearing on matters of interest to the labor movement. Briefly, the program is this: Monday A.M., Problems of In-migration in Chicago and Desegregation on College Campuses; Monday evening, Hate Groups; Tuesday A.M., Implications of Desegregation and Social Change for the Labor Movement and Employment Opportunities and the Use of Government Contract Provisions; Tuesday evening Al Hartnett of the IUE will speak; Wednesday A.M., Problems of Employment and Training for Minority Groups; evening, Present Basic Population Trends as Related to Industrialization and Urbanization and the Effect on Minorities and Inter-group Relations; Thursday A.M., Housing; Evening, open; Friday A.M., School Desegregation and a Reappraisal of Washington, D.C. Desegregation; Evening, Review of the Legal Status of Desegregation Moves.

I hope that you will be able to find time to be with us on several of these occasions. It was very good to get a chance to talk with you in Nashville the other week. I did see Robinson in Chattanooga and I hope that your plan to see him will be realized. I hope to get a chance to talk with you further about this situation when I am in Nashville.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

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June 29, 1957

Mr. Paul Christopher, Director
Region 8, AFL-CIO
216 Flat Iron Building
705 Broadway, N.E.
Knoxville 17, Tennessee

Dear Paul:

You already know that you are to participate on a panel discussion on the implications of desegregation and social change for the labor movement at the Fisk Institute for Tuesday morning. We also would like for you to sit in on the labor seminar session that afternoon from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M.

Part of the Tuesday afternoon session will be dealing with pro-segregation groups and their relation to the labor movement; the other half of the session will deal with the use of race in organizing campaigns. Of course, these two subjects overlap at many points. We would like for you to serve as the chief resource person in terms of the use of the race issue in organizing campaigns; Fred Routh will also be on hand to handle the discussion of the pro-segregation groups.

That evening Al Hartnett is scheduled to address the whole institute.

Wednesday morning will deal with employment opportunities and training. We bear no special responsibility for that program. In the afternoon, the labor seminar group will be discussing the race issue as it affects one specific industry, in this case, Textile, with Boyd Payton acting as the chief resource person. The second half of that session will discuss racial issues in the local union and we are asking Stanton Smith to join with Boyd and Ben and me for this session. If possible, we would like for you to be on deck for this time, too. Of course, from our point of view, we would like your participation for all of the sessions, but I realize that you may be able to attend only some of them.

The rest of the week shapes up something like this: Sunday morning - a review of Southern union history; Sunday afternoon - a general background of the South and its problems and an over-view of race relations patterns in Southern unions and employment; Monday afternoon, Paul Sanders of the Vanderbilt Law School will discuss legal aspects of desegregation with especial interest on how they relate to the labor movement; Thursday afternoon we will discuss desegregation in the community and how it affects the labor movement; on Friday, we will be talking about the resources available to unions in meeting race relations problems or in carrying on civil rights work; also, we will allow some time Friday for further discussion of the best ways to counteract the use of the race issue against the labor movement.

I look forward to seeing you in Nashville.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

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June 29, 1957

Mr. Al Toffler
Labor's Daily
637 Arlington Blvd.
Falls Church, Virginia

Dear Brother Toffler:

Enclosed are the letters and information sheets announcing our Union Training Seminar to be held in conjunction with the Fisk Institute of Race Relations, July 7th through 13th. Also enclosed is a booklet (blue) which will give you some pertinent information on the Fisk Campus and its environs.

I am sorry to report that there is no on-going nursery or child care center at Fisk for your three-year-old. The campus is sizable, however, and there is a good bit of summer activity there; my guess is that there would be a good chance of working out some cooperative arrangement for taking care of the child which would at least free your wife part-time. The people at Fisk indicate that they will be happy to help us work out something in this regard, but were reluctant to make a specific commitment.

I look forward to seeing you in Nashville.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

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June 29, 1957

Mr. Nat Griswold
Executive Director, Arkansas Council on Human Relations
211 Izard Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

I have recently had a phone conversation with Mr. Williams. I have offered to him or someone else from the Arkansas Federated Labor Council a scholarship to cover tuition fees and room and board while at the Fisk Seminar. He thinks that they will be able to send someone, but is taking this matter up with his Executive Committee.

He indicated that he had been in touch with you. I am very sorry that I have not been able to get out to Little Rock to visit with you, so that we might make some rounds together. I hope that we can remedy this situation before the summer is out.

Thanks for your interest and aid in the matter of the Labor Seminar.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

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June 29, 1957

Mrs. Alice Spearman
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

I regret very much that I have been unable to return to Columbia. I am sorry that Miss Neal is not available for our Institute.

I had good talks with Boyd Payton; about five of the Textile staff people will be attending the Institute. Since I made these arrangements through Boyd and we were attempting to reach men on his staff, I think that it is better under these circumstances that I not approach a local union officer or business agent directly.

At this point, we have some twenty definite registrants for the whole week and another five or six who will attend part-time. Thanks so much for your interest in this matter, and I hope I'll see you soon.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

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June 29, 1957

Mr. John Hope II
Department of Race Relations
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear John:

Ben and I would especially like to have you in the Thursday afternoon Labor Workshop. At that time we will be discussing desegregation in the community - an over-view. We will be discussing specifically how desegregation activity in the general community affects labor unionsaand what role unions can play, either positively or in just neutralizing their membership.

I hope that this will be a good time for you. Some time soon I will send you a copy of the rest of the schedule as we see it now.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

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June 29, 1957

Mr. Boyd Payton
Textile Workers Union of America
100 West 6th Street
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Boyd:

I am looking forward to seeing you at our Union Seminar at Fisk. Ben and I would very much like to have you act as chief resource person for the Wednesday, July 10th, session, which begins at 2:00 P.M. We thought that it would be helpful to have a discussion of how the race issue affects one union and industry. If you could handle this part of our program and bring along those materials which you feel are appropriate, it would be a real contribution. We are discussing for the second half of this session how racial issues arise in and affect the local union; we are asking Stanton Smith to be a resource in this session, but would welcome your participation here also.

We have had definite responses from Berthiaume, Dernoncourt, Boartfield, Lisk. I greatly appreciate your cooperation in this Seminar as well as in other matters. As of now, we have a few over twenty persons signed up for a full week's participation and about five persons who will participate part-time.

Best personal wishes.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

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